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UK wages rising faster than competitors'

By Robin Oakley, Tim Jones, Kevin Eason and Richard Ford

The Prime Minister yesterday issued a stark warning that workers were pricing themselves out of jobs, as the Govemment sought to head off a succession of double-figure pay claims in the wake of the 10.2 per cent offer by Ford.

Mrs Thatcher told MPs that it was "very disturbing" that while wage costs in Britain had risen 6 per cent in the third quarter, those in the US had risen only 2 per cent and those in West Germany by only 1 per cent. Meanwhile, wage costs had decreased by 1 per cent in Japan, 3 per cent in France and 4 per cent in The Netherlands. The Prime Minister de-

That "If our wage costs rise than those of than those of our competitors, our competitors will get the orders and the jobs. The movement of wage costs is very disturbing." She

INSIDE

Powerboat swoop by Vickers

Control of Italy's Riva, powerboat-maker to the famous from the Aga Khan to Joan Collins, has been bought for 1212 | DEE # 69.1 million by Vickers, owners of Rolls-Royce Motors.

evickers, the marine engineering, armoured vehicles and aerospace manufacturer. is keen to replicate its success with Rolls-Royce by seizing a profitable share of the growing hixury boat market.

> Riva, a family company for seatly a century and a half, claims to be Europe's premier manufacturer of luxury powerboats, many highly streamlined in fibreglass but also made of traditional

Peking arrests

At least two people were detained by watchful Chinese police for "disrupting the peace" in Tiananmen Square, marring the full opening of marrial Peking after the lifting of marrial law Page 10

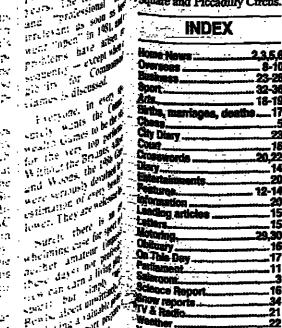
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See New May in the see of the see Fears about the growing threat of food poisoning have led the Commons social services committee to call on the Government to make listeria a notifiable disease...... Page 3

Accountancy examinations

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urged industry to remember that if it permitted wage deals to price its goods out of the

eir workers out of jobs. In reply to Mr Neil Kinnock, Mrs Thatcher said that the Government had made it clear that there was too much money in the system for the output that Britain was

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producing and that steps were being taken to correct it. But Mr Kinnock countered that Mr John Banham, Director-General of the CBL, was right to say that inflation was the Government's fault because it was its deliberate policy to keep mortgage and interest rates high, to increase fares and electricity prices and to impose shortly the poll tax and the uniform business rate.

Ministers appreciate that the Government could be caught in a vicious spiral: the longer interest rates have to be kept high, the stronger the pressure will be for high percentage wage increases, which will not be forfeited when interest and mortgage

rates come down. Mrs Thatcher's pay warning had been foreshadowed earlier by a caution from Mr Michael Employment, that it was no use people winning large wage increases this year if they lost their iobs next year.

Last night, however, unions representing local authority workers ignored such warnings and put in pay claims for increases of up to 18.7 per

In separate developments, unions representing BBC employees called for a 15 per cent increase on average pay, and air traffic controllers demanded overtime payments of up to £300 a day. Union leaders representing 7,000 manual workers at VSEL shipyard in Barrow, Cumbria, also submitted a 15 per cent claim which, they said, was "fair and not excessive". Big claims are also expected to be made by workers in the gas, electricy,

water and rail industries. Pressure on pay is expected to be fuelled by pay review recommendations for doctors.

dentists, nurses and top civil servants. All are expected to cent rejected by ambulance market, it would be pricing its

At Ford, unions which armed with a strike vote, had rejected the 10.2% offer on Wednesday night, made clear yesterday they were prepared to call a fresh ballot on a walkout if negotiations next week failed. It emerged, too, that the company would be prepared to double its offer for some workers if it was able to secure radical productivity

Mr Howard, however, echoed warnings given by Mr John Major, Chancellor of the Exchequer, to the TUC and the CBI that wage levels above the level of productivity would lead to increased unemployment, higher inflation and a lengthy period of continued high interest rates.

Speaking after the rejection by union leaders representing 32,000 hourly paid workers at Ford of the 10.2 per cent offer, he said: "Everybody must take into account not only the immediate consequences of their actions, but the longterm consequences.

"It is not going to help workers if they get a big increase this year and lose their jobs next year or the year after because their firms become uncompetitive."

As he was talking, the ment Officers' Association announced it would be putting in a claim for increases of up to 18.7 per cent for 750,000 workers. In addition to the across-the-board claim for £1,500, the union is demanding an additional £1,300 in the London weighting allowance, a shorter working week and

increased holidays. In the Commons yesterday, Mrs Thatcher agreed with Mr Terence Higgins, a Conservative backbencher, that productivity increases did not automatically justify pay increases in industries where demand was going down.

She said that productivity increases sometimes came from substantially increased investment of capital. Those who made that investment must have a return on their capital and the consumer, too, was entitled to price reductions from productivity

Defiant 999 crews go on indefinite strike

By Tim Jones, Employment Affairs Correspondent Ambulance union leaders of the London Ambulance

were last night fighting to Service after about 100 crew maintain the discipline of members entered the building their 18-week dispute as crews walked out on indefinite strike and more Army ambulances were called in to help the hardpressed police.

The action by the 64 union members came as the dispute became increasingly bitter with crews in several areas of the country where staff have been suspended or had their pay cut refusing to obey control room instructions.

In London, the police were called in to the headquarters

and staged a sit-in. Mr Tom Crosby, London's chief ambulance officer, accused the crews of assault and inti-

The crews in West Sussex indicated they would ignore appeals by Mr Roger Poole, the chief union negotiator, to maintain emergency and 999 services and would stay out on strike "until suspended staff are reinstated on full pay or if there is a reasonable and just settlement to the national

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Soviet leader takes his case to the people



Street debate: A forceful President Gorbachov yesterday engaging in exchanges with residents of Vilnius, the capital, about Lithuania's rift with Moscow

Gorbachov puts his fate in Lithuania's hands

By Nick Worrall in Vilnius and Mary Dejevsky in London

More than 300,000 people nearly a tenth of Lithuania's population - stood in silent protest in the centre of the capital Vilnius yesterday to impress on President Gorbachov their demand for the republic to become in-dependent from Moscow.

The Soviet leader had earlier begun his first visit to the Baltic republic by saying that - manifested last month in the decision by the republic's Communist Party to split with the Soviet Communist Party - could lead to

He said his personal fate depended on the success of his policy in the country's restive outlying republics.

"Nothing will be decided without you. We shall decide everything together," Mr Gorbachov pledged as he mingled with local residents. "We have embarked on this

chose it. My personal fate is ports independence, told linked to this choice," he said. them: "We have said all there Whole families, many with children held up as symbols of the republic's future, crowded not understand,"

security service, which he said was necessary to stop the rise of neo-Nazism.....

into the main square in central

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Vilnius in front of the cathedral and stood in silence for 15 minutes after an hour of speeches proclaiming that full independence was the republic's single objective.

Mr Vytautus Landsbergis, leader of the popular front grouping, Sajudis, which sup-

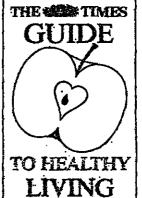
them: "We have said all there

Mr Justas-Vincas Paleckis the local Communist Party Berila - Herz Hans Modrow, ideology chief, said that for the East German Prime Min-centuries Lithuania was a toy ister, yesterday offered the in other people's hands. "Now Opposition a greater say in we can say it has ceased being government, but refused to a toy and decides its own fate. a toy and decides its own fate. independence."

After the speeches, Mr Landsbergis declared 15 minutes' silence: "Let us be silent until we hear the bells of the cathedral toll," he said. "Let us be silent with one thought and one wish. We are a free people. We will create a free Lithuania." When the cathedral bells rang out, the choir of the Lithuanian academy of sciences sang the national anthem, "Lithuania land of

Mr Gorbachov, who arrived Continued on page 22, col 5

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Eurotunnel crisis

averted

By Our City Staff

The threat to the Channel tunnel has evaporated after leaders of the 208 banks backing the project agreed to lend Eurotumel up to £400 million so that work can continue beyond the end of the month.

The release of fresh funds follows an agreement between Eurotunnel and Transmanche Link, the Angio-French construction company building the tunnel. The agreement brings to an end the dispute over soaring costs, estimated at £7.2 billion.

M André Bénard and Mr Alastair Morton, Eurotunnel's joint chairmen, warned of slow progress by the five British members of TML. News of the loan came too late for the stock market.

day down 10p at 6571/2p. Full report, page 23

UK base to be US intelligence centre

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

an American wartime emergency headquarters and a special centre for US intelligence analysis, it was announced yesterday.

Molesworth has been run

on a "care and maintenance" pasis since last January when the US Air Force 303rd Tactical Missile Wing was disbanded after the last of the 18 cruise missiles had been removed from the site.

Since then American, Britsh and Nato officials have been discussing how to make best use of the base which housed the missiles and 700 American servicemen of the 303rd Tactical Missile Wing.

Similar discussions have been held about the future of Eurotunnel shares ended the RAF Greenham Common, the Berkshire base which still has cruise missiles in opera- Greenham Common.

RAF Molesworth, the former tion. No decision has yet been cruise missife site in Cambrid-geshire, is to be converted into Nato stand-by operating base.

Yesterday, however, Mr Archie Hamilton, Minister of State for the Armed Forces, gave details in a written Commons answer about the future of Molesworth. Some buildings, such as the

special cruise missile "garages", will be subject to inspection by the Soviet Union for 11 years under the terms of the Intermediate Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty. However, the United States

is planning to house the American Joint Analysis Centre, now located in Stuttgart. West Germany, at the site. Soviet inspectors will be barred from the two buildings to be built.

• The Government has confirmed that it plans to remove all commoners' rights at RAF

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reports, claiming that the weather at Romania's Black Sea resorts was balmy, Fieldhouse Way, Petre Street, Sheffield S4 7SF presenting perfect conditions for swimming and sunbathing, when in fact they

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the Institute was instructed by the Ministry of Tourism to present false

vere out of the question. The revolutionary credentials of the nightly weather forecast now shown on Romanian television stretch beyond accurate reporting of conditions outside the studio. For the first time, the forecasters are able to give specific

predictions for different regions. The late dictator banned mention of all the names of Romania's regions, ordering forecasters to refer in general terms to the south, north, west and east.

Romania feels the cold since Ceausescu's death when the temperature was below minus affect the winter figures. Mr Barbulescu also disclosed that during cold summers 20C for two months. The telephone call

certain regions.



From Christopher Walker Bucharest

The three-week-old anti-communist revolution has affected every aspect of life in Romania, even down to the daily weather forecasts which were falsified under Ceansescu to dupe the population and foreign tourists.

Mr Mihai Barbulescu, a senior official at the National Meteorological Institute in Bucharest, spoke yesterday of how Romanian weather forecasters were given instructions from the Prime Minister's office never to let temperatures drop below minus 15C.

He said the order had been received in telephone call from Mr Constantin Dascalescu, the former Prime Minister, during the hard winter of 1985-1986 shortages of energy and heating fuel. The former Prime Minister also instructed EC aid pledge the forecasters to specify that the

temperature was only minus 10C in

was ordered by Ceausescu in an effort to

reduce national discontent about the

Since the December revolution, orders to cover up weather conditions have been scrapped on instruction from the ruling National Salvation Front. This week. Romanians heard for the first time in years that actual temperatures in

the capital were minus 21C. Falsification of statistics did not only

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NEWS ROUNDUP

Crew of 19 saved from sinking ship

abandoned their stricken freighter in a gale in the north Atlantic (David Sapsted writes).

They were picked up by the tanker B T Nestor after boarding two lifeboats from their stricken vessel, the 7,000tonne Irving, which was reported to be taking water and listing in 40-knot winds 800 miles west of Land's End.

A mayday message received by Falmouth Coastguard began an international rescue operation. A search-and-rescue Nimrod from RAF Kinloss, a US Navy aircraft from the Azores and two ships, including the 70,000-tonne Nestor, made for the scene. One member of the the freighter's crew

was injured.

The Bermudan-registered freighter, owned by Kent Lines, was sailing from Canada to Rouen, in France, with a cargo of wood pulp and newsprint. Several containers were lost overboard when the ship encountered problems yesterday

Gallery attack remand

A man accused of slashing a painting at the National gallery on Wednesday appeared at Bow Street Magistrates Court yesterday and was remanded in custody until February 1. Martin Paul Came, of Exeter, aged 27 and unemployed, is charged with criminal damage to "La Madonna Del Gatto" by the Italian master Federico Baroccio. Usually known as "The Virgin with a cat", the work, painted before 1577, can be restored, despite at least eight Stanley-knife slashes.

Bomb man is jailed

A man from Northern Ireland who admitted having mortar bomb parts in his garage near the border was jailed for five years yesterday by the Special Criminal Court in Dublin. Timothy Megarry, aged 25, admitted having ammunition and bomb parts near Letterkenny in Co Donegal on March 18, 1988. Mr Patrick McEntee, for the defence, said Megarry wanted publicly to dissociate himself from the IRA. He had fled from Belfast in 1971 to avoid the unrest.

Alert for giant eagle

sighting of a rare white-tailed eagle from Europe. The bird, with a wing span of about eight feet, was first seen on Wednesday flying over the sea off Scolt Head, near Bakeney, on the north Norfolk coast. Mr Richard Millington, Bird Information Service spokesman, said it was later seen at Titchwell and off Hunstanton and was last reported heading towards the Lincolnshire coast.

TV station diversifies

The Welsh language fourth television channel, S4C, the most expensive television service per viewer in the world, is to move away from concentrating on the Welsh-speaking rural heartland that prompted its creation (Richard Evans writes). Although Sunday night hymn-singing and a Welsh soap opera top the ratings, only 20 per cent of the population speak Welsh. The channel plans more entertainment and "lifestyle" shows. More programmes will also be sub-titled.

Opt-out ruling sought

The High Court is to be asked for the first time to rule on whether the Government acted reasonably in allowing a school to opt out (David Tytler writes). Avon County Council says Mr John MacGregor, Secretary of State for Education and Science, acted unreasonably in giving the 864-pupil Beechen Cliff school, Bath, grant-maintained status from April. It says the move wrecked plans to reorganize Headteacher crisis, page 5

Warning of Aids spread in spite of drop in cases waiting for character their bills.

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

appears to have slowed in the HIV, the Aids virus. last few months, but there is a continuing danger of it spreading into the general popula-tion, the Department of Health said yesterday.

disease were reported last month, according to the department's latest figures.

The total of known sufferers

The Aids epidemic in Britain are known to be infected with

About five people a day became infected in the final quarter of last year. However, the total of new cases during lealth said yesterday. that period was 181, com-Another 51 cases of the pared with 277 in the previous

More than 95 per cent of all reported cases continue to be among men, the great majoris 2,830, of whom 1,612 have ity of whom are homosexual died. A further 11,676 people or bisexual.

Poll tax default may be three times rates loss

Local authority treasurers are privately assuming that they will lose three times more through poll tax defaulters than they lose through

Many town hall finance officials are working on the basis that they will at best collect between 94 and 95 per cent of what is owed in poll tax, compared with 98 per cent of rates. Government figures for council

support grants, announced yesterday, are the last piece of information needed for councils to work out their 1990-91 budgets. Those will be based on confidential assumptions tax payers. But Mr Roger Burton, about how much poll tax they will actually collect.

The Conservative-controlled Association of District Councils has already made representations to the Home Office urging it to equip magistrates' courts to cope with an expected doubling or tripling in the numbers of cases of failure to pay.

Many treasurers concede that much of their planning for poll tax, due to be introduced in April, is based on guess work. According to Department of Environment figures published last month, the City of Birmingham had registered 94 per cent of its eligible population of polldeputy city treasurer, said yesterday that Whitehall was working on outof date figures. Since the announcement, council officials had canvassed a further 17,000 properties seeking details of households, he

Mr Burton said: "We have to be prudent and will have to make an allowance for non-collection of community charge, especially 25 we don't yet know whether the Government's estimate of Birmingham's total population is in fact correct. And we won't know that till after the next Census of Population."

Although the Association of Dis-

trict Councils professed itself broadly satisfied with Whitehall estimates, the Association of Metropolitan Authorities - representing city conneils where populations tend be more mobile and harder to count than in the shire districts - has pointed out anomalies, including reports from the Environmen Departments of some councils registering more than 100 per cent of

Since the Government annonnced that poll-tax registration across England and Wales had been 99 per cent successful, some big city councils have received additional information on households from the

their "official" population.

council found that up to a third of residents receiving income support had failed to register - even though on the Government's figures its registration was nearly 100 per cent

The key question for treasurers and councillors over the next few weeks is how much loss of poll tax

they build into their budgetary

assumptions for 1990-91.

Much will depend on the vigour with which councils chase default ers. By law, decisions on how far and how fast to seek payment will be taken by the community charge officer, a council official, rather than by councillors.

trial notes

By Stewart Tendler Crime Correspondent

Detectives investigating

cers in the Guildford four case

have appealed to defence lawyers for notes of the trial 15 years ago because no tran-script or shorthand record

Official notes of the case were destroyed in 1982. The

police appeal for help was sent

out several weeks ago by the

investigating team from Avon

examining allegations of

fabrication, concoction and

suppression involving four Surrey officers, one retired.

The three serving officers were suspended from duties

last October after the Court of

Appeal quashed the convic-

tions of the three men and one

woman convicted for the 1974

IRA bomb attack on two

Last May, according to a

Crown statement in the Court

of Appeal, the Avon and Somerset officers found

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about the results of the investigation in the absence of a

transcript. If the suspended

officers are charged after a

and the time it is taking.

Guildford public houses.

threat from rebels over local grants

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

The Government yesterday stood firm in the face of a. threatened backbench Conservative revolt and announced largely unchanged figures for the community charge or poll tax, which comes into effect in

Mr Chris Patten, Secretary of State for the Environment. told MPs: "I have decided to confirm in the main the proposals which I described in my statement on November 6 and put forward in the consultation paper."

Total central government support for local authority spending remained at £23.1 billion for next year, an increase of 8.5 per cent, and the overall spending target for more than 400 councils in England stayed at £32.8

But minor changes in the calculations of revenue support grant to individual councils, triggered by updated at large. population figures and a revised formula for snow clearance costs, will mean changes of a few pounds to the earlier poll tax projections. The average forecast figure remains at £278.

Local authorities will also

benefit to the tune of £180 the North. million by the Government's decision to boost their cash flow by making available £2,373 million, one quarter of the grant, in April and May, when they would be still waiting for charge-payers to

calculating the final figures on which councils will base their budgets for 1990-91 and their poll tax bills has been the subject of protests by many Tory MPs, who maintain that the £1.3 billion of concessions over the next four years do not go far enough.

Mr Patten's announcement gave no more ground. Last night the possibility of a lastditch appeal to the Prime seeking taxpayer's money to Minister before next Thursday's Commons votes on orders implementing the

grants was considered and rejected by senior Tory MPs. They felt that it was too late for the Government to change

Labour said it was clear that there was no new money to ease the pain of the poll tax and dismissed the latest fig-ures as a "total mirage". Mr David Blunkett, Labour

spokesman on local govern-ment, said that the average charge would be at least £343 next year - not the Government's £278 - and attacked Mr Patten for not having "the guts" to make an oral statement to the Commons.

Sir Rhodes Boyson, the former environment minister. who has led the backbench Tory protests, issued a warning that the latest formula was damaging for the country, suicidal for many Tory constituencies and a cyanide pill for the Conservative Party

The Prime Minister led a ministerial counter-offensive against critics of the community charge and the uniform business rate, which will mean big increases for shops and factories in the South of England but gains for those in

Mrs Thatcher said that the total amount raised by the business rate next year would be the same as this year plus inflation. "There will be no The increases would be

applied over at least five years more than 20 per cent extra in real terms in any one year. "It will be the first time that

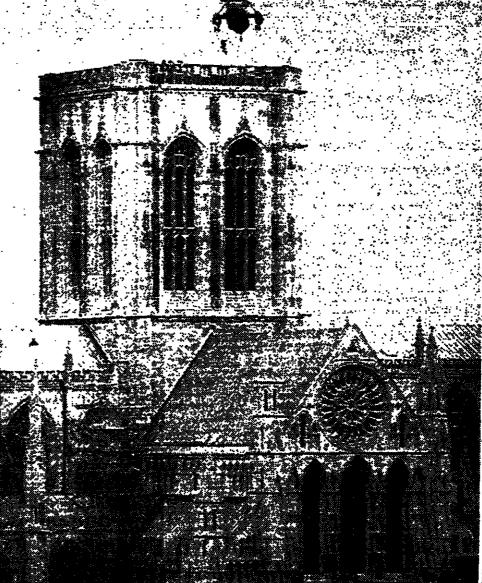
businesses have had an assur-

ance about rates," she said.

Mr Norman Lamont, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, sought to stiffen the resolve of potential Tory waverers by warning them against falling for "scare stories" from council treasurers cover their chronic over-

spending. Leading article, page 15

Patten defies Lift-off time at Minster Appeal for pub bombs



An RAF Sea King helicopter winches Warrant Officer Steve Lynch from the central tower of york Minster in a simulated rescue. The exercise was prompted by an emergency in Angust defendants have been unfairly when a woman had a fatal heart attack after climbing to the top of Durham Cathedral tower.

long delay magistrates or judges could decide that the defendants have been unfairly Ford offers 20% skills incentive

By Kevin Eason Motoring Correspondent

Ford is prepared to double its 10.2 per cent wage offer as an incentive for workers to become some of the most skilled assembly line staff in Britain. The disclosure could further enrage ministers calling for wage restraint in the new year pay round.

However, documents circulated among the company's 32,000-strong hourly-paid workforce, justified the offer claiming that it would go hand-in-hand

with radical productivity improvements.

Extra allowances would be available for workers who want to join an elite team maintaining the robots which operate in the company's most automated plants. They would have to pass electronics examinations and work in special manufacturing teams.

The reward would be an extra allowance of 10 per cent, which could add £54 to the £24 a week already on offer from the 10.2 per cent basic rate rise.

Wednesday on the basic two-year offer, which would put 10.2 per cent extra in pay packets this year and 7.5 per cent or inflation plus 2.5 per cent, whichever is the greater, next year.

However, workers seem likely to reject the package. The unions point out that the company made £673 million profit last year and should have a surplus of more than £700 million this year.

One-hundred and-fifty men on the

om the 10.2 per cent basic rate rise.

Unions are now prepared to call a

Coventry walked out on one-day strike fresh ballot after new negotiations next yesterday in a dispute over demarcation.

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Sixty four ambulance men on unofficial strike. Crews in

Crawley area plan 24 hour strike on Monday. Management considering police help.

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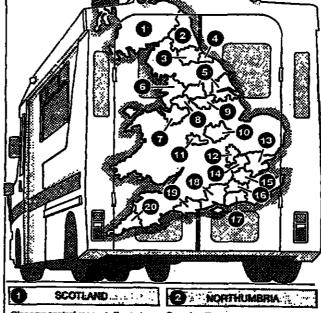
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As the ambulance dispute intensified yesterday with several crews walking out on indefinite strike, 164 army ambulances were assisting local authorities in nine regions. Services in some areas, including Wales, were working almost normally, but other parts of the country were facing severe problems.

Air controllers may be sought in US after pay clash By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

Air traffic controllers salary and experience, for an shift in 20. The CAA says it are about 30 per cent higher the average BBC salary, acdemanding £200-£300 a day to additional eight-hour shift]. needs at least 100 more staff (our Media Editor writes). Authority (CAA), which plans instead to recruit additional Forces or the United States.

came clear that there would be a drastic staff shortage this summer. It offered to pay overtime should be strictly average pay rise of 15 per cent, volunteers a flat rate equiva- monitored to prevent fatigue, in an attempt to catch up with lent to normal pay [between and says that no controller salaries offered by commercial £74 and £164, depending on should do more than one extra television and radio, which

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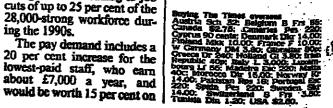
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The claim will be formally submitted by unions on the eve of a meeting later this month at which BBC governors and executives are expected to approve a radical re-organization leading to job

28,000-strong workforce during the 1990s. The pay demand includes a 20 per cent increase for the lowest-paid staff, who earn about £7,000 a year, and would be worth 15 per cent on

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Professor Ian Butterworth, the principal told The Times Higher Education Supplement that "we have already in the past made all the saving we can. It's the

The principals of the London colleges and polytechnics have consistently argued for a boost to "London weighting" the supplements they get to their block grants from the funding councils to compensate for the increased costs of

operating in the capital. In addition, since the introduction of

over listeria and support irradiation

Irradiation will certainly

not do so either, but it can serve as a useful means of

reducing the contamination of

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However, they want urgent research into the effect of irradiation, particularly on vitamins and food exposed to

The social services com-

mittee recommends making

listeriosis a notifiable disease

High-risk ready-cooked

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The committee stands by its

earlier criticisms that "GPs

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First report: Food Poisoning: Listeria and Listeriosis Report: Follow Up, Commons social services select committee (Sta-tionery Office; £6.20).

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Mr Frank Field, the com-

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By Sheila Gunn and Pearce Wright

pressure on the Government yesterday to make listeria a notifiable disease and to support irradiation to combat food-borne infections.

Two reports from select committees of both Houses modern methods of food production, processing and

Their publication comes in agriculture committee report this week, which warned of the danger of eating eggs imported from countries without Britain's health controls.

The Commons social services committee called on doctors to be required to report all cases of listeria to

health authorities.

Soft cheeses should be avoided by women who are had a miscarriage or stillbirth, soft cheeses on sale.

Official figures estimate that one in 7,000 pregnant women loses her baby as a result of histeria - a total of more than protect public health. The 80 stillbirths or miscarriages a year in the UK.

In the cross-party committee's new report on listeria its second in seven months the committee stood by its earlier criticism that the Government should have warned pregnant women sooner about the risks of eating soft cheese.

The 124-page report from the House of Lords backs the Government's plans to allow the irradiation of food within the EC proposed limits to control the spread of listeria, salmonella and other foodborne infections.

However, the peers say it

Fears about the growing threat could be open to abuse by increasing sophistication of of food poisoning led to unscrupulous traders who systems of production and might use irradiation to mask processing, whether on the stale food. They call on the farm or at the factory, shop Government to delay allowing and home, are not capable of the sale of irradiated food in guaranteeing the safety of

Britain until a Communitywide scheme is agreed. The Government is proposhighlight the threat of listeria ing to lift the ban on irradiated and other infections from food but wants it marked to food but wants it marked to give consumers the choice.

The peers, like the Government, make clear they have been influenced in support for the wake of the Commons irradiation by the rise in food poisoning outbreaks.

Public Health Laboratory surveys found that up to 60 per cent of all uncooked chicken carcasses in shops is contaminated to some extent by salmonella, and the same percentage by listeria. In addition, listeria infects

12 per cent of pre-cooked, ready-to-eat poultry; 16 per cent of salami-type sausages; even contemplating having a 50 per cent of raw pork baby, particularly if they have sausages; and 10 per cent of ages; and 10 per cent of

The peers conclude: "The committee consider that irradiation could help to raise standards of food safety and to



Mr Field: Second inquiry

MPs issue warning | Royal smile for watchers at the window

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Onlookers crane to catch a glimpse of the Princess of Wales as she arrives for a visit to the Thomas Coram Foundation's homeless children's project at Camden, north London, yesterday. The Princess later met 11 families at the West Hampstead hostel where they live until they can be found a home, and was presented by the children with some of their own paintings. The project, a mobile unit, offers support services to homeless families.

Governors oppose jail reshuffles

By Quentin Cowdry Home Affairs Correspondent

An overhaul of the senior management of the prison service, announced by the Government yesterday, was received angrily by prison governors who have strenu-

ously opposed the plans. The Government plans to move the service's headquarters from London to the Midlands. Its four large regional offices will be replaced by more than 14 area offices.

In addition, three direc-torates, responsible for administration and devising policy ranging from security to sentence planning, will be set up at the headquarters.

The Home Office hopes the changes will ensure better liaison between governors and headquarters staff, particularly on policy issues.

The Prison Governors Association said, however, that the changes, first proposed last August, would pose "considerable potential dangers" to staff, inmates and the public. In an emergency, such as a prison riot, a governor could be directed by managers with little or no operational

experience. The association voiced "deep regret" about the deannounced by Mr David Waddington, the Home Secretary, and predicted that the system, which is due to be implemented in September, would break down and revert to the regional structure.

Mr Waddington said he believed the "radical changes" would enable the service to build on the reforms achieved in prison officer work practices and planned improvements in the capacity and

• Parts of the probation service could be hived off to voluntary groups or the private sector as part of new

A Green Paper published next month will propose that Britain's 7,000 probation offi-

Doctor denied knowing of kidney payments Taylor said he did not know Mr Joyce By John Young what action to take. Dr Crockett is one

The former president of the British Transplantation Society said yesterday that he had been assured by Dr Raymond Crockett, a Harley Street kidney specialist, that he had not known of any payments being made to donors in transplant operations during 1988.

Mr Robert Ross-Taylor, consultant surgeon at the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle upon Tyne, said that after adverse publicity in 1985 for sale, the society had set up a of three doctors appearing before the professional conduct committee of the General Medical Council facing charges of serious professional mis-conduct. The others are Mr Michael Bewick, a transplant surgeon, and Mr Michael Joyce, a urologist. All three deny the charees.

Mr Ross-Taylor said that Dr Crockett was a member of the society and that he had spoken to him by telephone early last year when there was further publicity about the alleged of kidneys by donors from Turkey. Dr Crockett denied knowing lines and principles of the society. committee to discuss the issues and that people were being paid. Mr Ross-

but had known Mr Bewick for many

Mr Bewick had been a society member but had left. Mr Ross-Taylor felt that it was to the society's detriment not to have somebody of Mr Bewick's status as a member and in November 1988 nominated him for membership with Mr Bewick's

Mr Roger Henderson, QC, for the GMC, asked Mr Ross-Taylor if he was able to form a judgment as to whether Mr Bewick was aware of the guide-"I think it would be very reasonable to assume that he did know of them." Mr Ross-Taylor replied. He was sure that in the aftermath of the 1985 reports Mr Bewick was involved in

the debate on ethics. Mr Taylor was asked what responsibility rested upon the shoulders of a surgeon operating on a live transplant donor. He said a surgeon was required to ensure that every operation was properly carried out in every sense.

In turn the surgeon responsible for transplanting the organ into the recipient must ensure that the donor was not being coerced and that he was medically fit to be an organ donor. The hearing continues today.

Breakfast-time cheer

PORTFOLIO PLATINUM

£2,000 Portfolio Piatinum prize was Mrs Kathleen Garstang, of Chesham Bois, near Amersham, in Buckinghamshire.

"I was surprised and delighted at the news, especially when we heard there were no other claimants, she said. "My son Simon, an A-level student, usually gets

the competition at the break-He is to be rewarded with a special family holiday this summer, in between finish-ing his examinations and going on to university.

"We would like to visit Italy," his mother said. "But the two youngest members of the family are bidding for his calculator out and does pestered into going there."

Bond puts 'Irises' on sale

Van Gogh's "Irises", the world's most expensive work of art, is up for sale "if the price is right".

Rumours of such a move have persisted for months as the business empire of Mr Alan Bond, the painting's owner, has crumbled. Confirmation came from Mr Michael Cross, managing director of Dallhold Investment Ltd, which is owned by Mr Bond.

Speaking from Perth, Australia, Mr Cross said the painting, which fetched \$53.9 million (£30.2 million) in November 1987, is "not officially on the market" but there is a preparedness at the right price to sell the paint-ing". He added: "We have had several very serious offers and negotiations are continuing."

According to an eminent London Impressionist dealer there are "several interested parties, among whom are Japanese" and the price being discussed is about \$65 mil-

swindle his wealthy great aunt

Mr Justin Frewen, aged 30, who the Crown alleged forged

a letter saying he had power of

SALEROOM by Sarah Jane Checkland

Art Market Correspondent

close to buying just before Christmas" but the deal fell through because he believed he might "be making a fool of himself" and might "get it cheaper if be waited until

later". The value of the painting has crucial significance for the art market. Its sale to Mr Bond less than one month after the Wall Street crash of October 1987 was watched anxiously amid fears of a slump. Instead, the price set a dramatic new standard, causing relief and a

continuing boom.

Towards the end of last year, however, it emerged that Mr Bond had not made an outright purchase, but that Sotheby's had given him a \$27 million loan, using the paint-ing as collateral. The disclolion. One candidate "got very sure sparked fears that the

price, and therefore the boom, was built on air.

Responding to widespread criticism of the arrangement, Sotheby's announced two modifications to its loans

policy yesterday. First, they will no longer accept as collateral any work of art which has not been fully owned for 90 days. Second, they plan to include notifica-tion in catalogues worldwide when they have guaranteed a

occurred during the "Irises" A drawing by Goya of two starving men gobbling up gruel doubled its estimate at Christie's in New York on Wednesday night, selling to a European dealer for \$715,000

price to the vendor -- as

(£430,722). The work, entitled "Do those who escape work end up like this?", fetched three times the previous record for a

drawing by the artist. The auction had a high success rate, with only 6 per cent of its value unsold.

£1.5m swindle plot acquittal

By Michael Horsnell

cleared yesterday of trying to Court.

Mr Frewen, an Old Etonian out of shares worth up to £1.5 and nephew of Lord Selby, million. lieved and delighted."

The jury found him not guilty of conspiring with oth-

A former City financier was trial at Knightsbridge Crown from Barclays Bank duplicate certificates for shares using a power of attorney bearing the forged signature of his great aunt, Mrs Joan Lacon.

The jury was told that Mr Frewen, of Trouville Road, Clapham, south London, had attorney over the shares, ers between December 1988 been blackmailed by a forger walked free after a four-day and February 1989 to obtain to join a fraud plot.

London University faces £43m debt

By Sam Kiley Higher Education Reporter

London University is facing a severe financial crisis. The debts of its 24 colleges will total £43 million next year and 15 colleges will be unable to clear their deficits within three years.

Sir Peter Swinnerton-Dyer, chief executive of the Universities Funding Council, has called for urgent talks with Lord Flowers, London University's vice-chancellor, after an independent assessment of the colleges' forecasts disclosed that the finances of eight gave "serious cause for concern" while a futher seven were Busing "concern".

Sir Peter said yesterday that London University colleges would have to cut spending sharply over the next two or

meeting Lord Flowers later this month to discuss the crisis although he emphasized that it would be up to the vicechancellor and the college heads to decide how cuts should be made.

"I would not like to be the finance officer at any of the colleges causing concern," Sir Peter said.

Professor Dorothy Wedderburn, principal of the Royal Holloway and Bedford New College, one of the institutions causing "serious concern", said that finances had been knocked back by the costs of the merger between the Royal Hollowway and the Bedford colleges and the "underfunded" salary settlement

with academics last year.

Queen Mary College is also on the "serious" list, with a deficit of £200,000.

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competitive price bidding for tuition fee allocations, designed by the funding council to keep costs down, London college fear that they will be further penalized for their location - and that expansion plans will be restricted.

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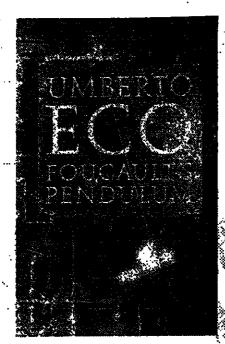
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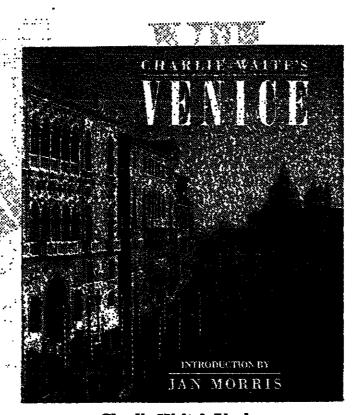
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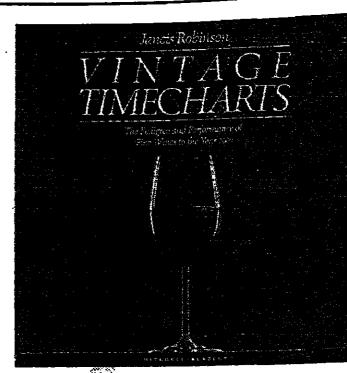
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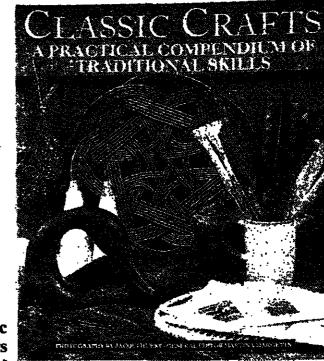
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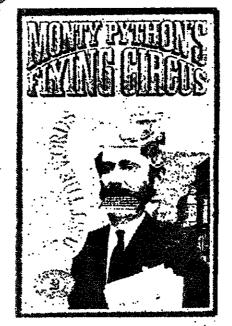
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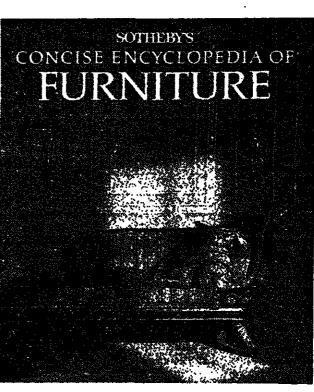
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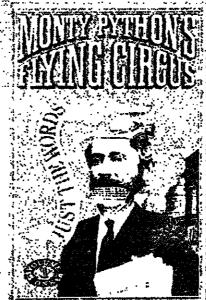


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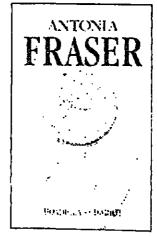
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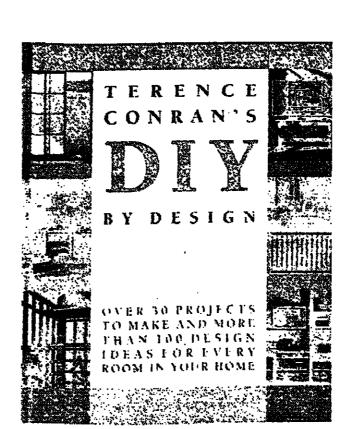


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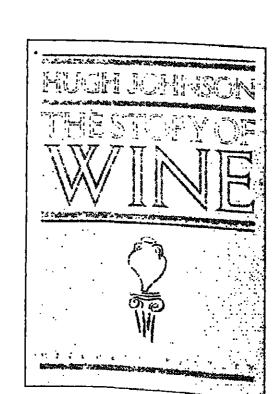


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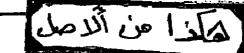
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EC laws 'flouted' to Cycle star heads home for city contests make motorists buy costly cars in UK

widening with UK buyers than in Belgium. paying up to a third more than motorists across the Channel.

Yet British consumers buying abroad are being penal-ized by manufacturers, 27 per cent more expensive. distributors and even the

The organization is demanding action by the Euro-pean Commission so that motorists can be guaranteed the right to buy cars anywhere within the Common Market.

losed that far from achieving the EC objective of harmonizmembers nations, the gap

The EC allows for a The report accused public differential of up to 12 per cent between nations to allow unfair delays in registering for local market conditions. cars imported privately. However, average pre-tax car prices are 31 per cent higher in
British car-licensing authoriBritain than in Belgium, comties repeatedly refused to respared with 19 per cent in 1987.

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The gap in car prices between prices for higher specification dividuals import cheaper cars. Britain and the rest of the models. A £12,500 Audi 80E The consumers' organization European Community is cost about 43 per cent more

The organization also found that a Citroen AX at £5,000 and a BMW 316, at £11,500 in

The consumers' union, authorities in breach of Euro- which screened 1,400 cars, pean law, according to the said that manufacturers and European Consumers Union. distributors discouraged UK buyers from going abroad.

The report said some distributors would not honour warranties on imported cars. A number of dealers abroad, rithin the Common Market. thought to be acting on the A highly-critical report diswere refusing to sell models with right-hand drive to noning car prices across the 12 residents. They also imposed unreasonable delivery delays between Britain and the rest of up to a year and unjustifiable delivery costs.

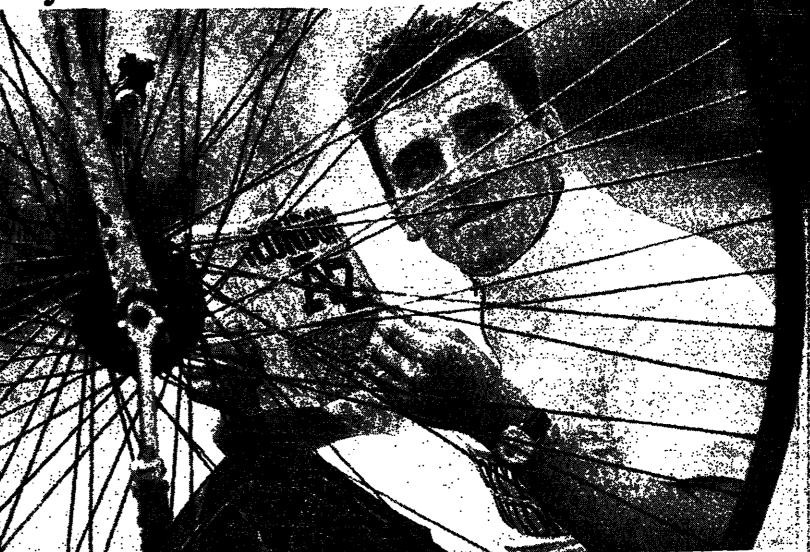
Singling out the UK, it said ared with 19 per cent in 1987. ister cars imported by pro-In Britain, half of new cars fessional "parallel" importers - companies outside official

said that Nissan and Isuzu in Britain had refused to honour guarantees on cars imported outside the dealer network. Rover and Volkswagen were accused of refusing to sell cars in the Irish Republic for shipment on to Britain.

The European Court Justice has declared itself in favour of private car imports and the commission has set out rules on the matter.

However, the report adds: "In spite of these community initiatives, consumers still encounter major problems when trying to benefit from the important price differences existing within the EC. Member states, as well as manufacturers and distributors, have introduced - entirely against obstacles to parallel imports."

Last night, Nissan dis-missed claims that it would not fulfil warranty guarantees-and said it would cover all guarantees for its customers. The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders said cars may look cheaper abroad but



The cycling star Joey McLoughlin does some forward planning for a series of races to be held in 10 British cities over the next three years. Scottish Provident, the life assurance company, has provided £2.3 million in a record sponsorship of the sport. McLoughlin, who wen the Tour of Britain in 1987, has since competed on the Continental circuit. He says he is eager to return to racing in Britain, particularly in his home town of Liverpool. Sport, page 36

Sick notes

'Less liberal GPs could save £11m'

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

out sick notes, the National Audit Office said yesterday.

A report from the Comptroller and Auditor General argues that too many people are receiving invalidity benefit because doctors are unaware other than sickness. of the criteria for eligibility and often put too much weight on family and social

The number receiving inrisen from 760,000 in 1983/84 to consider capacity for other

£2.4 billion to £3.15 billion that only a third had refused to expected to exceed £4 billion

The growth in expenditure on to benefit than come off, and people are receiving it longer; the average age of re-cipients is increasing; and the proportion of married women

on benefit is increasing. "Evidence suggests that non-medical factors have contributed to this growth rather than any underlying increase in the incidence of

sickness," the report says.

A 1 per cent drop in the number of people receiving the untaxed benefit would save almost £11 million a

year, the report says.

The Audit Office emphasized that it was not trying to penalize the sick. Those en-titled to invalidity benefit would get it. Those that were not, were likely to get other, admittedly less generous benefits, such as unemployment benefit or income support.

The basic rate of invalidity benefit is £43.60 a week, although additional payments can increase this to £60 or £100 a week.

To qualify, a person has to obtain a statement of incapacity to work in any job — a sick

At least £11 million could be note - from a GP. However, saved every year if doctors some GPs have interpreted were less liberal in handing the guidance as inability to work in the same job and have not considered whether the person could do alternative work. GPs are also more likely to give sick notes if the person

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A Gallup poll of 989 doctors.

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Asked about their awareness of social security benefits,

Most doctors have no understanding of invalidity benefit 9 16 5 16

78 per cent said that they had little or no understanding of invalidity benefit. Among newly trained GPs, the figure

rose to 93 per cent.

Many GPs did not know that invalidity benefit was more generous than unemployment benefit or realize
that there were alternative
benefits for the sick.
Almost half considered
non-medical factors, such as

loss of benefit if they refused the certificate, and a third considered family circumstances. Fourteen per cent considered the local employment situation as a factor in giving certificates,

The report recommends that the Department of Social Security should improve guidance and training to doctors. National Audit Office Report on Invalidity Benefit (Stationery Office: £4.60)

will not have to wait until their medical condition has stabilized before liability is decided and an award made.

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Lawyers acting for the families of victims of the

Hillsborough disaster are pressing South Yorkshire

Reforms will speed up damages cases

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent more cases, accident victims

Victims of accidents are likely to win awards of damages more swiftly as the result of a package of reforms to speed up civil court procedures published yesterday.

At present, it is often severally years after the injury before claimants receive their award Under the new rules, more disputes are also likely to settled out of court as litigants will be encouraged to be more open. Courts will have tougher powers to impose costs penalties, where parties courts will now have the same power as the High Court to award provisional damages: where the full extent of the injury or illness is not yet in a dispute unreasonably refuse to admit facts or disclose documents before trial.

There will be new, strict time limits for the serving of a writ, generally four months from the date of issue by the court, in place of the present 2-month limit.

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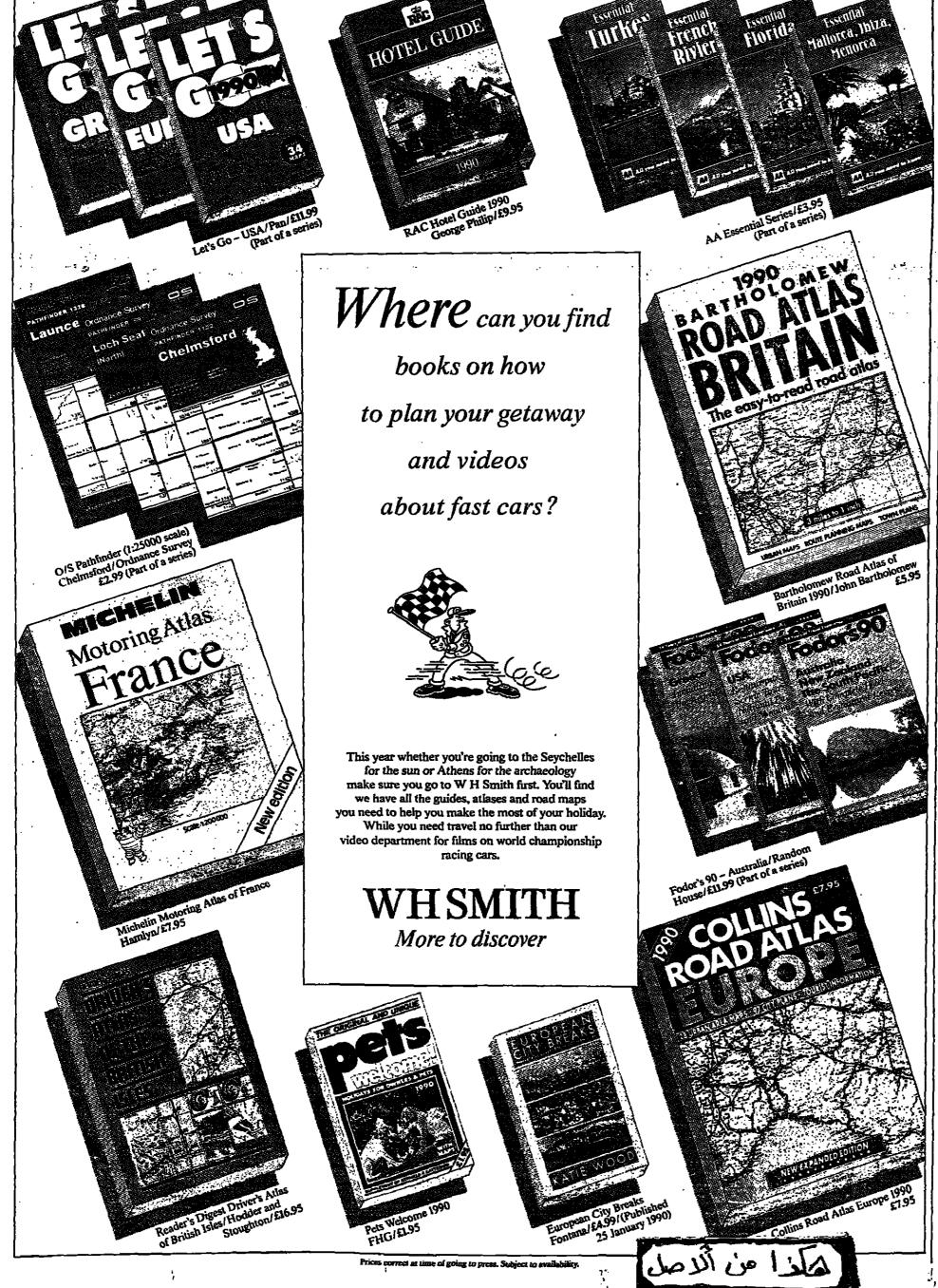
A smallplement recommendations of the Civil Justice Review Body in 1988. From February 5, courts in personal injury cases will have wider powers to try the issue of liability - who is at fault - separately from the

issue of damages. That means that in many

police to increase the statutory amount of bereavement dam-

A spokeswoman for the group said yesterday that existing limits were causing further stress and suffering, particularly to parents who had lost teenage children. At present, bereavement damages of £3,500 are paid to a

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Mr Pavel Sitar, appointed defence

send in troops had lapsed after 20 years. But if the Supreme Court and other legal bodies were to reconsider this law and "gave an authoritative rating on the lapse, we could of several military and counted by Nato in it. copen the case".

A Soviet force with token units from other Warsaw Pact countries entered Czechosiovakia in August, 1968, and Mr Alexander Dubcek, the reformist party leader, was removed from office.

Mr Sitar spoke as the country's police force, under unprecedented scrutiny, showed igns of unrest. Mr Richard Sacher, the new non-Communist Interior Minister, has ecessed hardline Communists of stirring up trouble among the police, the newspaper Lidova Democracie said

Mr Sitar, heading a team against pro-democracy demonstrators in Prague on November 17, said he could den his brief if others made

"Events surrounding November 17 were very important, but so is the responsibility of those who created the mechanism which allowed it to happen," he said. "We are intensively investigating this (wider) background ... linked to people who lost their parliamentary

Mr Miroslav Stepan, the

considered them politically responsible for the police violence in November.

Mr Stepan has been charged with preparing to abuse his this month by the new non-Communist-led Government, said: "Everyone agrees a crime of tresson was committed in 1968."

official position. A com-mission lawyer, Mr Josef Danisz, said Mr Jakes was unlikely to face criminal charges over the incident. He said the opportunity to charge hardliners suspected of "inviting" the Soviet Union to send in troops had larged accordance in the incident. Broader investigations could succeed only if documentary proof were produced.

The issue of holding accordance in the incident.

ticians accountable for the past has emerged as a central problem in all Eastern bloc countries. In East Germany the lack of public trust in the security police has caused a political crisis.

Mr Sitar said a decision had been made in Czechoslovakia to disband the security police. but "its dissolution is not as simple as it sounds".

"There is a strong distrust rooted in the public. We have to do everything to regain its confidence. That is why I am here," he said.

Mr Sacher was expected to meet police chiefs tomorrow to discuss their worries about the future as well as proposals to set up a police union. He has tried to dissuade the police from forming a union, saying that "even in countries where investigating police violence free trade unions exist, there are certain professions which cannot go on strike".

Such moves were being coordinated by "the people who are not in favour of this tender revolution", he said, apparently referring to Communist hardliners. "The revolution may be tender, but it should not be naive.'

Mr Sacher has reassured the police that they still have a role to play. "Any civilized society needs a police force," he said on Tuesday. But its role should be "not repression but prevention (of crime)", former Prague party leader, and he would dismiss anyone and Mr Milos Jakes, the proved guilty of corruption or national party chief, were abuse of power.

French minister offers EC aid to restore Romania

From Christopher Walker, Bucharest

The first Western minister to visit Romania since December's revolution yesterday pledged new efforts to increase European Community co-operation to assist with the country's costly reconstruction programme.

Speaking after emotional visits to the sites of some of the fiercest fighting, M Roland Dumas, the French Foreign Minister, promised to raise "a mimber of problems in regard to co-operation between the EC and Romania" at next week's EC foreign ministers' meeting in Dublin.

ide par il M Dumas's visit was a welcome boost for Romania's provisional Government, which faces mounting pres-sure at home for its alleged failure to break sufficiently with the country's communist

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ter of State at the Foreign Office, is to visit Romania on Monday (Michael Knipe writes). He will be the first British minister to visit Buis both countries but it is actional Parks that it is the countries and it is a countrie clowest since the uprising against the Ceansescu regime last menth and expects to have talks with senior members of The effect of the part of the errors the artificial of the errors the artificial of the errors that divising the contrary reasons are the errors to the errors that the errors the interine Government. He Will make a first-hand assessut and familiarize himself with the politicians involved.

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Salvation Front However, on January 3 M Dumas said in Paris that France and probably the Soviet Union had been told as

long ago as last summer of the

existence of a group of Com-

munist Party members hostile to the Ceausescu regime. In an interview with the French Europe-1 radio net-work, M Dumas had said: "I knew because our Ambas-sador there did his job. They (the Soviet authorities) un-

doubtedly knew, too." Yesterday M Dumas said at a press conference guarded by Romanian troops in full combat gear; "It is clear that such a dictatorship as was over-thrown here had to foster an opposition, but not necessarily an organized opposition.

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What I have seen is that this uprising was a profoundly popular one." He added: "I did not believe

in a coup or in a plot. But there had to be an opposition to a regime which tortured people and sent them into exile. I am now more convinced than ever that it was the Romanian people who overthrew the dictatorship."

M Dumas said that his visit had reinvigorated the traditionally close economic and cultural relationship between France and Romania. He pledged further French government aid to help Romania

Earlier, the Romanian press carried accounts by militiamen involved in the arrest of the Ceausescus of how the late dictator had offered a bribe of \$5 million to one of them in an bid to persuade him to allow the couple to escape to a village where they had a secret

The leading daily Adevarul (Truth) said the bribe had been refused by the officer concerned. Other members of the arrest squad were quoted as saying that Ceausescu had complained that he had been given stale bread to eat and had asked for a new suit after he had been in custody for 24 hours. It was his custom to have a complete set of new

was always burnt. The paper's account told how members of the public, whom the dictator referred to as "hooligans", chanted as the vehicle in which he was driven went past: "You left us with-out bread, without heat and

East Germany unearths 'US spy transmitter'

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Two unidentified East German army technicians holding what is claimed to be an American spy transmitter which they allegedly found buried in a forest near the Irlersgrün military base. The apparatus was said to be designed to transmit data on explosions and vehicle movements to an orbiting US satellite.

Greek Church warns Albania on human rights

Belgrade - Amid allegations of the torture and merder of ethnic Greeks in Albania, the Greek Orthodox Church vesterday called on Communist Albania. Greece's north-western neighbour, to improve its human rights record (Dessa Trevisan writes).

"I am warning the Tirana regime that the policy it has followed so far will lead to international isolation and

certain collapse," Archbishop Serapheim, the Greek Primate, declared in an unprecedented statement during a huge protest rally of several thousand people in central Athens.

The rally was staged to protest against the suppression of human rights for the 400,000 minority ethnic Greeks in Albania.

With such international pressure on

mount, a state of emergency has been imposed at Skoder, Albania's second biggest city, which is near the country's northern border with Yugoslavia, a Yugoslav newspaper claimed

Politika gave no indication of the ource of its report, but said the move had been provoked by young people who had been distributing leaflets calling on the population to rise against the Government.

It said police controls had since been reinforced throughout the region, and special passes reintroduced for Albanians wanting to move from one place to another. The guard at rhe presidential palace and other sensitive buildings had been trebled, it said.

Brussels lifeline is put to the test

From Michael Binyon, Brussels

Western Europe's attempt to throw a lifeline to the struggling new democracies in Eastern Europe will be tested by three important initiatives this weekend.

There will be a preliminary meeting in Paris to set up the new Bank for European Reconstruction and Development, a visit by a top **European Community official** to Romania, Bulgaria and Czechoslovakia to assess those countries' urgent needs, and a visit to Poland by the EC Agriculture Commissioner to look at the food situation.

The permanent representatives of the Twelve held a lengthy meeting here yes-terday to try to draw up a common EC position on the new bank, the brainchild of the French, which was formally given the go-ahead at the Strasbourg summit.

On Sunday the Group of 24 Western donor nations will meet in Paris to discuss the bank's structure, and on Tuesday they will begin a two-day meeting with the East European nations, including the Soviet Union, which will be the borrowers from the bank's funds. Optimists are hoping that the bank can be formally constituted by March.

Britain, however, has voiced reservations on the whole scope of the bank's functions, capital and lending

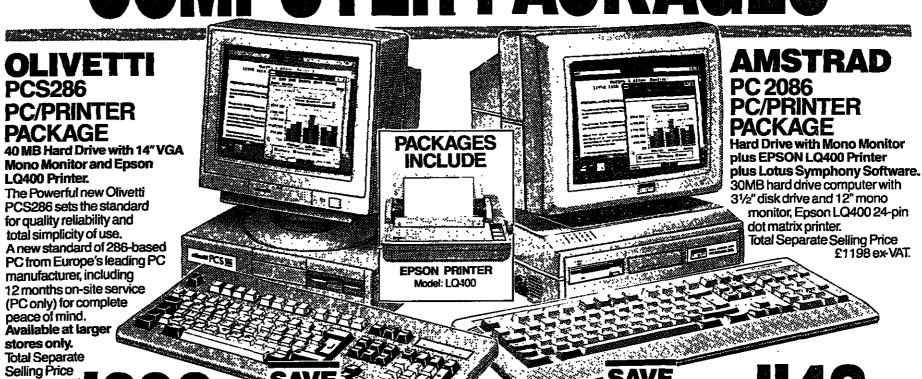
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Secret police become the new Sam Spades of Poland

From Roger Boyes Warsaw

Move over, Philip Marlowe; hang up your holster, Sam Spade: this is for real. There is no lisping blonde in the Warsaw offices of the Cerber Protection Agency, no hard stuff in the drawer.

Private eyes are in vogue in Eastern Europe, and they have a suspiciously professional air about them. Economic reform has opened the way for a new entrepreneurial breed, rich businessmen who feel nervous in the classless society.

At the same time the infrastructure of a police state has started to crumble. Secret agents are out of work, and they are missing the old rough and tumble. So supply is adjusting to demand: retired and sacked policemen are setting up their own detective or bodyguard

You can spot them in the luxury hotels, wearing the shiny brown suits and anti-opposition departments and

they favoured while tailing dissidents. They are the customers who note down the price of every bill after ordering coffee, who strain to catch the conversation of expensively manicured women chatting with much younger but still expensively manicured men.

It is a comedown from the old days when they would pursue Mr Jacek Kuron - now a Cabinet minister - down the stairs, track him through Warsaw, and give his son a bit of a dusting.

Over at the Warsaw police precinct, Colonel Krzysztof Zagozdzinski is looking worried.

He is getting between five and 10 applications a day to set up detective agencies, mainly from former colleagues in the Interior Ministry, uniformed or secret police, but also from former

Dismantling the secret police has entailed closing down their anti-Church flats. The secret police have been renamed the Office for the Protection of the Constitution and lost some of their old glamour in the process.

The problem for Colonel Zagozdzinski is that there are no guidelines for detective bureaux. All he can do is exclude known criminals and the mentally deranged.

"Some former soldiers who were released from the Army because they were mentally unstable or clearly mentally ill have applied. Of course, we turned them down," he said.

The Cerber Protection Agency is in safer hands — four former police officers'. They still have good relations with the Interior Ministry, which probably helps when they vet the background of suspects. Their brief is to protect villas, private shops and warehouses, transport valuables, supply bodyguards and detect crimes more efficiently than the state

fairly cheaply - about 60p an hour plus expenses, compared to more than £60 an hour in Los Angeles.

So far most of their work is in the Philip Marlowe mould: errant wives, disappearing husbands. Since alimony is indexed for inflation, a cuckolded hushand can save a considerable amount by showing the divorce court that his wife is deeply in the wrong.

Crime appears to be rising quickly in Poland, the Soviet Union and East Germany, although the usual analytical problems apply with this claim: perhaps people simply trust the police more and are reporting crimes more often. But anecdotal evidence confirms there is an outbreak of violent crime, especially mussings and rape.

Houses with satellite dishes - a sign of wealth — are frequently burgled. There is an active trade in guard dogs although, given the price of meat, it is cheaper to

drastic cutbacks in the bugging of police. For the time being, they come hire oneself a human bodyguard. The new wave of private detective agencies caters for the rich and anxious. Mr Andrzej Murawski, of Cerber, says: "We could mobilize a team of 20, put our people on every street corner, if necessary with night vision devices. There are people around who would comn us to do that, and who can afford it."

Indeed, with most of the restraints falling from private enterprise, millionaires abound. There are jewellers, manufacturers of sun-glasses, perfumers, cake wholesalers, computer importers and money-changers who have become de facto private bankers. They deal in large sums of dollars, almost always in cash, and use their own security

As foreign companies think about investing in Eastern Europe they need as much intelligence as possible about future partners; this, too, can be supplied

A sign of the times is the Garda Property Protection Agency, which has opened the first gun shop in Eastern Europe. Provided you get an approving letter from the local police chief usually granted unless you have a criminal record or are under age - it is now an easy matter to buy a gun and

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There seem to be no restrictions on calibre - Magnums, Colts and many others besides are imported from West Germany. East Germany forbids the transport of arms over its territory, so most of the small arms have come through Vienna and Czechoslovakia. Those whose hired gans are of the

human variety have developed an appropriate advertising pitch. One detective agency director said: "If a we are ready - we can provide the finest." Western capitalist wants a bodyguard

Modrow olive branch to opposition

From Anne McElvoy, East Berlin, and Ian Murray, Bonn

Minister, has offered the parties opposition a greater say in the running of the country to offset criticism of his Govern- Democrats, found that there fused the opposition's dement's authoritarian style.

He told the first session of ment) in East Berlin this year that the country's peaceful revolution gave it an historic opportunity it must not waste, and called on the opposition to the May elections.

all the participants of the treaty being signed with East Round Table and have offered Germany until after the electhem the chance to work with tion, and Frau Cornelia us," he said. He also called on Schmalz-Jacobsen, General the opposition to present concrete suggestions to the Govrepresentatives to take a "direct and responsible part" in the task of governing.

However, he refused to a right of veto on government decisions, and warned that public attacks on the legitimacy of his Government would not help to restore political order in the country. His Government had a legiti-mate right to rule, he said. "I do not recall having become Prime Minister in a putsch."

Herr Modrow's comments came the day after Herr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor, said the that Herr Modrow was trying Government was viewing pol- to consolidate the party's hold itical developments in East on the Volkskammer. Germany with growing con-

All the main parties in West Germany, however, have offer them concessions. since roundly criticized Herr Modrow's declaration to the less conciliatory than many materials.

Herr Hans Modrow, the be- Volkskammer, including the had expected. He criticized leaguered East German Prime leaders of all three coalition the opposition's demand last

Secretary of the Christian security policy. He also rewas "a far from adequate mands that no new security signal" for an intensification service be founded in the the Volkskammer (parlia- of co-operation between Bonn country to replace the Office and East Berlin. Herr Modrow's ideas were a long way currently being dissolved. behind what was happening in Poland and Hungary. His misgivings were echoed by to work constructively with Herr Theodor Waigel, leader in the country. the Government in the run-up of the Christian Social Union, who said that there should be We are ready to talk with no question of a co-operation

ernment and choose suitable Schalk-Golodowski, aged 57, who was in charge of East German trade and currency dealings with the West, fears a lynch trial if he returns home grant opposition demands for and has decided to stay in West Germany (Ian Murray writes). He gave himself up in West Germany last month while being sought by East Germany on charges of

> Secretary of the Free Democrats (FDP).

corruption and currency fraud,

but was released on Tuesday.

For the opposition Social Democrats (SPD), Herr Haus Buchler said all the signs were

Herr Modrow's speech was cern, particularly over the way a clear attempt to extend an German Governments that in which the Communists olive branch to the aggreed they stay in the GDR. appeared to be trying to stop opposition within East Gerthe opposition parties from many, who have been threatbeing given a fair chance in the ening to quit the Round Table general elections, which are talks and withdraw their sup-Government if he did not

Monday that he appear before Herr Volker Ruhe, General the Round Table to defend his of National Security, which is

He told the parliament that arrest the rise of neo-Nazism

He promised that the opposition would, however, receive a full account of the intended structure of the security services when it resumes the Round Table talks with the Government next Monday. No old structures, the Prime Minister said, would be left within the redesigned security service, although he stopped short of promising that it would not employ former workers of the Ministry for State Security, as many opposition groups fear.

After widespread protests, including strike action, former state security workers who had been promised three years' redundancy payment will now receive only the statutory payment for one year.

Herr Modrow admitted that industry was suffering from the haemorrhage of East Ger-man labour to the West and that 250,000 vacancies could not be filled. More than 1,000 people continue to leave the country daily, in spite of pleas from both the East and West

The state of the East German economy was also admitted in full for the first time, with Herr Modrow speaking port from Herr Modrow's of gaps and discontinuity in production and failure to fulfil orders, due mainly to the lack However, his speech was of workers and failing



Herr Modrow, right, and Herr Manfred Gerlach, the interim President, in the Volkskammer

Yugoslavia takes its first steps towards democracy

Beigrade (AP) - Yugoslavia's ruling authoritarian" communism, still had to be adopted at an extraordinary to give up its monopoly of power and allow the first multi-party elections in 45 years, a leading communist said yesterday.

Mr Stefan Koresec, secretary of the policy-making Central Committee, told a press conference that nist party would take part in the legislative elections in Yugoslavia's six republics "just as another party (would) with its new

Elections in the republics, which send deputies to the national legislature, are scheduled for April. The said "departs from the model of

party congress, which is scheduled to start on January 20,

Yegoslavia had a multi-party system before the Second World War, but that was abolished when unists led by Tito came to the comm

reporters for the first time a final draft of a declaration to be approved by the congress in which the party pledges to relinquish its monopoly on power. It also calls for "free, direct and secret" multi-party elections. The draft declaration says vocate full participation (of Yugo-

ship in the European Community. the Council of Europe, the European Free Trade Association and other similar organizations and

Mr Korosec said that leaders in all of Yugoslavia's divergent commu republics supported the declaration "in principle". However, he also indicated that the document could cause fierce debate between hardlipers and more liberal communists.

Yugoslav communists were the first to break with the Soviet-led Communist bloc in 1948, but Yagoslavia, faced with its worst econo and political crisis, has been slower

slavia) in European integration in adopting the reforms that have processes (including) its member- swept through Eastern Europe. Mr Korosec did not elaborate on what, if any, legal guarantees would

be made that the party was giving up its leading role. In Hungary, Czechoslovakia and East Germany articles in the constitution gnaranteeing the leading role of the party have been scrapped. In Bulgaria, nilar steps have been promised.

Yugoslavia is reworking its stitution, and if the docu adopted in its present form at next week's congress, it is likely the constitutional reference to the party's leading role will be scrapped. Mr Korosec said he thought "the

mists cannot lose next April's

elections", but if they did they might form a coalition with other left-wing parties, such as the Socialist Alliance which is now a communist-led mass organization but plans to constitute itself as an independent

Even though Yugoslavia has not formally adopted a law allowing independent political groups and parties to form, numerous political parties have sprung up in the past

Some of the parties have clear nationalist programmes, which has led to fears that this could lead to open clashes between the republics that could seriously threaten the

Soviet defence bill 'is double Kremlin claim?

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

(about £79 billion) admitted by President Gorbachov, 20cording to estimates in an internal Nato document activities.

The latest alliance analysis of Soviet military expenditure came on the eve of the next round of negotiations in the Conventional Forces in Europe talks, which begin in Vienna today.

The Nato and Warsaw Pact delegations have three sixweek sessions until the end of June, during which they will have to resolve most of the outstanding problems if there is to be a chance of a treaty-

signing ceremony this year. The Nato study estimates that the defence budget for 1988 was 130 billion to 160 billion roubles (£133 billion to £163 billion), some 15 to 18 per cent of the Soviet gross domestic product and about double the figure for 1989 announced by Mr Gorbachov to the Congress of People's Deputies on May 30 last year.

The Nato analysis does not include Soviet spending in 1989, but the report acknowledges that there are signs the military budget.

The report, completed in November as the Berlin Wall crumbled, says: "While Nato remains highly sceptical regarding Soviet claims for their defence expenditures, it apindeed beginning to trim its defence outlays.

It adds: "A number of major procurement programmes, particularly in the land armaments area, are being scaled back, although it is far too early to tell whether . . . the Soviet Union will meet Mr Gorbachov's stated spending cuts (of 14.2 per cent in military spending and 19.5 per cent in production)."

In a recent speech to the Congress of People's Deputies, Mr Valentin Pavlov, the Soviet Finance Minister, said the full 14 per cent reduction in military spending would be implemented by the end of 1991. He also said the 1990 defence budget would be 70.9 billion roubles.

Soviet defence spending is of several military activities double the 77.3 billion roubles counted by Nato in its es-

timate, including military But its adds: "Until the Soviet Union provides inforwhich accuses Moscow of mation on its defence activ-putting artificially low price ities in detail, it will be tags on certain military difficult to account fully for the differences (in spending estimates).

Underlining Nato's mood of caution towards the dramatic changes that have taken. place in the last few months, the report says: "Even if the announced cuts were in place. by 1991, it would be extremely difficult to know what Soviet. spending will be beyond 1991.

The period of the 13th five-year plan, 1991-1995, is likely to be one of great change politically, economically and militarily in the Soviet Union." Therefore, any conclusions concerning the level and growth of military expen-ditures are highly uncertain."

One of the key factors will be the effect that arms control agreements, in particular in the conventional forces area, will have on Soviet defence.

spending. As the Nato and Warsaw Pact heads of delegations meet in Vienna today, one area for negotiation is the level of destruction that will be necessary for each piece of equip ment to satisfy both sides that it cannot be used again for

military purposes. It is not yet clear, for example, whether a combat aircraft should be reduced "to razor blades" or whether parts pears that the Soviet Union is of it could be removed and used for spares.

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This is a crucial aspectbecause the cost of the whole Conventional Forces in Europe implementation process is going to prove a nightmare, especially for the Soviet Union which has far more tanks, armoured troop carriers and artillery to destroy than any other country.

● The US Defence Intelligence Agency has concluded that the Soviet Army is maintaining large stockpiles of ammunition and fuel in Eastern Europe as it withdraws some of its units, according to The New York Times newspaper yesterday.

 Next Tuesday in Vienna chiefs of defence staff from 35 nations will take part in a One reason for the low military doctrine seminar to Soviet figure on defence discuss the structure of their spending, the alliance report armed forces, training mili-says, is the apparent exclusion tary budgets and planning.

Man in the News: Algirdas Brazauskas

Engineer who aims to remake a nation

When President Gorbachov dependence; to resist means for independence, he was the sent Mr Aleksandr Yakovlev, chose Mr Algirdas Brazauskas going against the 82 per cent of to head the Lithuanian branch Lithuanians who approve of of the Communist Party in the split. Mr Brazauskas's re-October, 1988, the silver- markable popularity - one haired former hydro-electric poll as far afield as the engineer must have seemed to Ukrainian city of Lwow last him an example of the new type of freethinking, energetic to the late Andrei Sakharov, reformer who might be able to the human rights campaigner rebuild the party's shattered legitimacy in the republic.

The irony is that 15 months engaged himself from a lifelater he seems to be succeeding in that aim at the cost of embrace the national cause. splitting with Moscow. The Lithuanian Communists have nia, in 1932 — he is a year soared in popularity while the younger than Mr Gorbachov latest poll shows Sajudis, the nationalist movement, slipping back in public esteem. About six weeks before crucial legislative elections, the poll shows that Mr Brazauskas is the most popular politician in

In becoming that, he has created for Mr Gorbachov the most serious constitutional crisis of his five years in power. To accept Mr Brazauskas's break with the Soviet follow suit and declare in- Lithuanian capital, to press

year ranked him second only is a tribute to the sometimes courageous way he has dis-

time of party discipline to Born in Rokiskis, Lithua-- Mr Brazauskas joined the party in 1959. Like the Soviet leader, he spent decades rising patiently through the apparatus, serving as Minister for Construction Materials and later as Secretary for Eco-

He showed himself prepared for change, however, when Mr Gorbachov's reforms opened the floodgates to an unprecedented revival of from Estonia to Georgia to the streets of Vilnius, the of Mr Gorbachov.

nomic Affairs.

only high-ranking Communist official brave enough to address the crowds. Three months later, Interior Ministry troops violently sup-

pressed a mass meeting in the



Voice of America. and speak to people at rallies. Not many people in the party were doing that: they were just

city, arresting and injuring many. In the ensuing furore, Mr Ringaudas Songaila retired as party leader and Mr nationalism. In July, 1988, as replace him - an appointment party is to invite party leaders the first demonstrators took to clearly made at the insistence The Soviet President had

Mr Brazauskas: Edging ever closer towards separatism.

his close aide, to meet party leaders in the republic that August, according to Mr Saulius Suziedelis, an analyst of Lithuanian events for the "He was known as someone who wasn't afraid to get up

hiding," Mr Suziedelis said. Mr Brazauskas won much public goodwill when, as one of his first acts in office, he announced that the cathedral in Vilnius, used for years as an art gallery, would be returned to the Catholic Church.

His relations with Mr Gorbachov are thought to be warm. As recently as last summer, according to one report, he was in close contact with the Soviet President. talking to him by telephone at least once a week. Mr Gorbachov has in the past referred to him as "a friend" but the relationship may have grown strained as the Lithuanian leader's position edged closer to outright separatism.

By one account, at last

in the Kremlin he made the historic gesture of presenting Mr Gorbachov with a plan and a timetable for Lithuanian independence. The very fact that Mr Gorbachov apparently listened to such a plan has pushed him "across a certain bridge", according to Mr Suziedelis. Back home in Vilnius, Mr

Brazauskas is admired for his steadiness of purpose, according to an emigre who remains in close contact with the republic. "Having made a decision, he does not go back on it. He is like a buffer: you push him in front of something and he just takes all the blows," he said.

A towering, barrel-chested former yachtsman, Mr Brazauskas strikes visitors as sincere and down-to-earth. Some, observing the spirited national democrat who has emerged from a dull Brezhnevite chrysalis, wonder how deep his new convictions lie and whether some of the apparent jockeying with Mos-

cow might be merely for show.

Vilnius rendezvous, page 14

Bering Strait feels benefit of thaw in the Cold War From Martin Fletcher, Washington

the Russians intend to match in both countries, but the US that. Each country would

The thaw in superpower relations is being felt even in the frozen wastes of Alaska and supervise its half, but there Siberia. In Washington this would be regular meetings of week, US and Soviet officials the park managers and they announced that they had would establish a joint "centre agreed to establish an interfor research and public national park spanning the Bering Strait. Announcing that they had accepted the recommendation

A joint feasibility study by the National Parks Services of the two nations, said the purpose would be "to promote the protection, understanding and enjoyment of the common heritage of Beringia", as the region of icebound wilderness og both sides of the narrow strip of sea is known.

Beringian natives would be able to resume ancient historical and cultural links disrupted by the Cold War. Wildlife managers will be able to track walres, birds and other animals which migrate between the countries. Natural historians and scientists needing to hop the 30 miles from Alaska to Siberia for research purposes will no longer have to detour vie Moscow.

The US has proposed an existing 2.8 million-acre nature preserve as its contribution to the "Arctic Park", and



of the joint feasibility study. Mr Manuel Lujan, the US Secretary of the Interior, and Mr V.G. Sokolovsky, deputy chairman of the Soviet State Committee for Protection of the Environment, said they wanted the park established in the near future.

Legislation will be required

hoping that what it calls "glasnost into glaciers" will become reality by 1991. The effect of the park will be to erode the artificial twentieth-century division of two regions, whose links date back : to the existence of an Ice Age land bridge. Even when that was covered : by the sea, said the feasibility."

National Parks Service is

study, "common life in ! Beringia continued without interruption for thousands of years. Even under the flag of at the Russian Empire, and later during American and Russian commercial whaling periods, people, ideas and goods moved. across the sea. "But the flow of culture and

ideas, which could not be stemmed by the submergence a of the land bridge, was dis-? rupted by the tide of politics."

There have been recent signs of rapprochement. Visa restrictions have been released for Alaskan and Siberian natives wishing to visit relatives. Bering Air has begun charter flights between Nome in Alaska and the Siberian city of

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Pay deals worrying Thatcher

After the unions' rejection of the 10.2 per cent Ford pay offer, Mrs Margaret Thatcher told MPs at question time that the movement of wage costs was very disturbing. Jobs were at risk, she said, quoting figures showing better containment of wage costs by Britain's

Mr John Marshall (Hendon South C) had said that "irresponsible" wage claims unrelated to productivity would, if granted, lead to higher inflation, the crossion in value of savings and the destruction of jobs.

Labour MPs: What about the free

Mrs Thatcher said that Mr Marshall was right. "If our wage costs rise faster than those of our competitors, our competitors will get the orders and the jobs. The movement of wage costs is very disturbing."

The last available figures, in the second of third quarter last year, showed that UK wage costs were up by

6 per cent.
In the United States, they were up
by 2 per cent and, in West Germany,
by 1 per cent. They were down in
Japan by 1 per cent, in France by 3 per
cent and in The Netherlands by 4 per

That means that those concerned

have a very careful look to keep wage

costs down."
Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition: Would she tell us how far she is prepared to blame herself and her Government's policy for the rate of inflation?

Mrs Thatcher: We have made it quite clear that there was too much money in the system for the output that we were having and, therefore, that steps have to be taken to correct it and are being taken.

She said that the present rate of

inflation — at 7.6 or 7.7 per cent — was, for the last Labour Government, so low that they had ambitions to get

Mr Kinnock: When it is the Govern-ment's deliberate policy to keep mortgage rates and interest rates very high, to increase electricity and fares and also to impose, very shortly, both the business rate and the poll tax, is not the Director General of the CBI (Mr John Banham) absolutely right to say that inflation is the fault of the Government? (Loud Labour cheers)
Mrs Thatcher: No. Inflation happens when we have too much money pens when we have too much money in the system (Labour protests). It means that we are taking more out in

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money than we are putting in in

That has to be corrected by two means. One, by interest rates and, the other, by keeping a tight fiscal policy.

We are doing both.

Mr Tereace Higgiss (Worthing, C):
Could she comment on the rather oldfashioned attitude of some trade union leaders who have not learnt the lessons of 1979-80? Moreover, will she reject the view that increased productivity automatically justifies a pay increase, since it may be that productivity is going up in an industry where demand

is going down?
Mrs Thatcher: I agree. The first rule
is that wage increases must not
outstrip productivity.

As he points out, increased productivity also comes from substantially increased investment of capital, and then there must be a return on capital, and also it could be that increased productivity causes price reductions, so that the consumer is entitled to get some reductions if they (industries) are to stay competitive.

Mr David Howell (Guildford, C)

asked Mrs Thatcher, given her determination to defeat inflation, what she thought about the idea supported by the Governor, the deputy governor and the former deputy governor of the Bank of England that there should be placed on the Bank the statutory obligation to maintain the value of

Mrs Thatcher: That should remain part of the Government's duty. We have to achieve it by keeping the

money supply tight.

Mr Dale Campbell-Savours (Workington, Lab) said that if Mrs Thatcher's policy was to increase interest and mortgage rates, it was obvious that people at work would demand higher and higher wages to pay for those

"Is it her view that there is now no alternative to that strategy? If it is, it means wage-demand escalation.
"Or is it", he added, "that she has some other secret policy that she is unwilling to disclose to the House, some informal incomes policy based on the threat of higher and higher

Mrs Thatcher: Wage costs and wage claims and their settlement are matters for industry. One would hope that they would take into account that if wage they price themselves out of jobs. She said that the alternative to the correct policies to deal with inflation by interest rates and tight fiscal policy was

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to let inflation rip.

Mr David Porter (Waveney, C): As we are still to some extent a nation of shopkeepers, and as she was brought up above the shop, as I was, what message has she for small businesses and shopkeepers worried about uniform business rate? (Labour cheers). Mrs Thatcher said that the amount

raised from business rate next year would be the same as this, plus inflation, so there would be no real increase (Labour laughter). There had been changes: the first ing revaluation since 1973, which

had given rise to nearly three-quarters of the increase in rates. That is an object lesson to anyone who wanted to apply it to domestic

There was to be a transition period of at least five years during which the increase would be no more than 20 per cent for larger businesses and no more than 15 per cent for smaller businesses. It was the first time that business would have had assurance about its

Diseased meat 'not entering the food chain'

infected by hovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) was en-tering the human food chain were dismissed as "absolut

were distinsed in associate nonsense" by Mr David Maclean, Parliamentary Secretary for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, during question time. He rejected a request by Mr Anthony Steen (South Hams, C) that the Government should review the level of compensation for farmers whose herds were infected by the disease.

"We believe that 50 per cent of the value of the animal as if it were healthy is fair compensation for an animal which is terminally ill and therefore worthless."

Mr Steen said that there were similarities between neurologi-cal wasting diseases of the human brain and BSE, and it was known that the disease in sheep was passed on to cows, although there was no evidence that it could be passed on to

them the incentive to report cows suffering from the early stages of the disease so that they would not, as was happening in North Yorkshire and Northamptonshire, reach the markets for

Mr Mclean denied that was the case. "We have so many safety belts and braces on this tion it is just not true." operation it is just not true."

Ninety-nine per cent of all infected animals were caught at the farm stage. Offal was then removed, including the brain and other offal which could contain BSE, from all animals. Veterinary services were do cial checks of markets.

"So there is no prospect of ment infected by BSE getting into the human food chain." Mr Matthew Taylor (Truro, Lib Dem) said that those assur-

There had been a row the previous day between environ-mental health officers and the **AGRICULTURE**

believed they were being pre-vented from taking the nec-essary action to prevent con-taminated offal getting into the human food chain.

Mr Maclean said his advice to Mr Taylor was to check his facts. While not blaming farmers for wauting to get 100 per cent compensation, that did not mean the 50 per cent offer was leading to infected meat entering the food chain.

"I am absolutelty satisfied "I am absolutely satisfied that my veterinary officers behaved correctly yesterday. It is irrelevant whether an animal's head was on or off before it entered the slanghter house because the relevant offal is removed from all animals' heads. That is something he should double check on."

Me Ranald Device, an Onno-

Mr Ronald Davies, an Oppo-sition spokesman on agriculture. sition spottesman on agriculture, said that if all that was true, why were there regular and consistent reports from county council trading-standards departments indicating the identification of BSE infected cattle and lifestock at marts and abattom?

The Government's scientific advisers' new research pro-gramme clearly indicated that the Government recognized the very real danger to human health. "Given that, why does be not accept that the only way to safegnard BSE-infected products getting into the human food chain is to offer 100 per cent compensation and stopping entry at source?"

Mr Maclean: This is a nonsease. Whether there is 100 per cent compensation or 50 per cent is not the means of stopping any infected offal getting into the food chain. You do that by catting out all offals.

People call this mad-cow dis-

ease, but they are wrong to call it that. It destroys the brain and the central nervous system. These offals are removed from all cows whether they have BSE or not."

Egg-test scheme 'against EC law'

It would violate European Community law to delay egg imports for testing, Mr John Guamer, Minister of Agri-culture, Fisheries and Food, said

be done.

Mr Andrew Stewart (Sherwood, C) had said that the methods of checking food im-ports proposed by the Labour Party, which involved detaining food until it went bad, would be

Mr Gunner said that Dr Clark's statement that Labour would hold up food imports for testing was wholly contrary to Dr Clark challenged Mr

Gummer to deny that a clause in the EC legislation allowed him to prohibit contaminated food entering Britain if public health

Salmonella-contaminated eggs had been found coming into the country from The Netherlands. In the four days waiting for the test results the contaminated eggs had been sent for sale. Why were there two standards — one for British eggs and one for imports?

To Conservative cheers, Mr were healthier than anyone else's because Britain had tougher laws than any other EC country. Dr Clark should be ashamed for misleading the people. He knew that what he had said was wholly contrary to

Mr Ian Bruce (South Dorset, C) said that much of the control of inter-EC trade was required because health regulations in the rest of the EC were not up to those of Britain. It seemed wrong that British egg farmers had taken such stringent mea-sures to get rid of salmonella **AGRICULTURE**

whereas Dutch and other EC farmers did not have to. chief Opposition spokesman on agriculture, of misleading people by claiming that it could British eggs. Almost all super-markets would be pointing out that the eggs they sold were British and farmers would be reminded that they should point out that British eggs were better protected than others.

• The Government's response farm animals for human consumption after the Chernobyl disaster in the Soviet Union in 1986 had been one of almost furtive negligence, Mr Peter Hardy (Wentworth, Lab) said during questions.

He asked if it could be said honestly that the ministry and informed during the four years since the accident at Chernobyl. Had not the Swedes had an aerial survey within six weeks of Chernobyl? When would Britain be able to emulate its neighbours?

Mr David Maclean. Parliamentary Scoretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, said that he did not recognize Mr Hardy's descrip-"No other country in the world acted as promptly or as comprehensively as the United Kingdom in taking action to protect all our food supplies." In the House library were

shelves "groaning" under the weight of the information made available to the House and to the public on ways in which this protection had been carried out. An aerial survey had been done. but it had not yielded any more speedy information than men on the ground examining the soil.

'Public right and ministers wrong' on ambulance pay

In a democracy there were occasions when the public was right and the Government wrong, Mr Robin Cook, chief Opposition spokesman on health, said when he opened a Commons debate on the ambulance dispute. This was one of

The public was right to insist that the ambulance staff de-served a fair and just award.

The Government could not argue that the pay demand could not be afforded. The money needed to settle it was equal to that already spent on Army and

If the Government was pre-pared to split the difference on the pay award, it would cost £5 million, less than half the increase in the advertising budget this year for the Department of

Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health, said that the claim was excessive and not other health service staff who had not taken industrial action. A I per cent pay increase in the National Health Service

meant £130 million on the annual wages bill. Mr Cook moved a motion recognizing that the ambulance staff provided an essential emergency service with skill and courage, that there was public support for a just pay deal and pay mechanism, and calling for early government negotiations

to end the four-month-old He said the debate was about a service in crisis and that service was an emergency service. The crisis had left people lying in pain and distress longer than any civilized society should tolerate and left people in a state of collapse without the

skilled treatment they needed. Thousands of policemen and Servicemen had, in the past four months, no doubt given of their best. But if MPs were serious in appreciating what they had done they must listen to what they said about the cover they could

There were many cases where the emergency service brought in to substitute for the am-bulance service could not cope with the calls made on it.

Many questions could be put to Mr Clarke about the dispute but only one answer mattered: how did he see the dispute beeing resolved? Nothing that Mr Clarke had said showed a strategy for settling the dispute other than the unions surrendering on their total claim.

By Nigel Williamson Political Staff

The Government should pay the full costs of policing and

security at party conferences, the Labour backbencher, Mr

Peter Pike, said in an adjourn-

At present, the additional

costs are shared equally by the Home Office and the local

By Sheile Gunn, Political Reporter

Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for

Health, faces pressure to set up a national network of independent inspeciers to check on standards and quality of health care.

The Royal College of Nursing is winning

strong support from other health care bodies and MPs, including many Conservatives, for a health watchdog modelled on the national inspectors who monitor schools, pollution, water quality, gas and telephone services.

ment debate last night.

A score of settlements in the health service were above the offer to the ambulance staff. The average settlement in the public sector over the four months of the dispute had been 8.6 per

They could not know what would settle the dispute until Mr Clarke or his representative got into the negotiating room.

But if that average settlement in the public sector was offered the Secretary of State would find

'Unfair' to give in now

At Prime Minister's questions, Mrs Thatcher said that it would Mrs Indicate said that it would be unfair to the 84 per cent of NHS employees who had settled last year's wage claims at 6.5 per cent or 6.8 per cent, and had not been prepared to put patients' interests at risk, to give in now to those who refused to accept that. Mr Rozald Davies (Caer-philly, Lab) recalled her view in

a previous industrial dispute that the emergency services -police, fire and ambulance crews ald have their wages settled by a formula. Given the obvious merit of the ambaiance workers' case, the overwhelming public support for it, and the division in the ranks

of her own Government, was there any reason, except for her love of confrontation, why this dispute should not be settled on dispute should not be settled on the basis of her idea of a Mrs Thatcher: I do not accept

what he said in the early part of his question. Ambulance pay should be settled by national negotiation. The Clegg com-mission had rejected the idea that ambulance pay should be that ambulance pay should be settled in relation that of police

himself within a whisker of

"I do hope he is not going to tell us that the settlement cannot be afforded because he cannot find the money. He has found the money to pay the police and the Army to do the job of the

The Association of London Authorities estimated that the cost of police cover in London alone has been £3.5 million. Figures he had obtained yesterday estimated the total cost of police time in 14 areas outside London, where the police had been active, to be £4,400,000. The cost to the Army must be

"If you add together those three figures you find that the cost of this dispute in paying the

Conservative Party conference in Brighton in 1984.

The additional policing costs in Blackpool for the Tory con-ference last October totalled

£1.080.000 and estimates for

this year's conference, due to be

held in Bournemouth, already suggest that the figure could

exceed £2 million. Costs for

job that would be better done by paying ambulance staff to do it is £10,400,000. "The difference between what

is offered by the Secretary of State of 6.5 per cent and what is demanded by ambulance staff of 11.4 per cent is 5 per cent. Each
1 per cent on the ambulance
staff pay bill is £2 million.

"It would, in short, cost £10 million to settle the claim in full. How is it that they cannot find the money to settle the dispute but they can find the same amount of money to prolong the dispute" (Labour cheers).

Mr Clarke had a happy knack of finding the phrase to inflame tempers whenever he intervened. It defied common sense to tell ambulance crews that they were not an emergency The ambulance crews who apponded to the crash on the

M25 knew that they were an emergency service. But they were mystified as to why Mr Clarke tried to deny it. Four out of five ambulance staff were fully qualified: they were trained in life-saving skills, many had attended more than 50 births on the kerbside, and many put themselves at risk in providing services to the victims of accidents.

What other professional driv-ers required such skills and took such risks under such severe

Seven years ago a survey into stress suffered by ambulance-men found that many did not reach retirement age. Most took early retirement through ill health. Of the few who did it make it, the average period of survival was 2.4 years.

The staff side had made a series of concessions. The only elements that remained were the pay award and a pay mechanism for future settlements. On both counts they were willing to

pared to split the difference on the pay award, it would cost £5 million, less than half the in-crease in the advertising budget this year for the Department of Health.

In an earlier debate Mr Roger Freeman, the Under Secretary of State for Health, had said that he recognized from his own constituency experience the powerful public support for the nbulance service.

"And that is the most dramatic feature of the dispute. The degree of public support . . . is without precedent . . . Consistently the ambulance staff have been beating the Secretary of State in opinion polls by a

measure of eight to one.

ernment party's conference. conference in Brighton last year therefore it was fair that the Costs have risen sharply since totalled no more than an additional £4,000. the costs. Blackpool would be

Mr Pike also expressed con-

cern that the security require-ments of party conferences took police officers away from the

surrounding locality. His own constituency, Burnley, in Lan-cashire, had suffered in this way

for many years at the time of

Blackpool conferences, he said.

Mr Pike dismissed the arm-

Concern over conference police costs

particular problem for the local opposition parties are far lower ment that party conferences no argument for treating conauthority which hosts the Govard authority which hosts the Govard and security at the Labour Party

Pressure grows for health service inspectors

patients and other constituents who fear that the hig National Health Service reforms will lead to lower standards.

The Secretary of State proposes that local anthorities should set up independent inspection units. However, the royal college

argues that it will mean councils being both "gamekeeper and poacher" as providers and mers of services.

"Therefore, ist order to ensure a high quality of standards of care, the college wishes to see an independent, nationally trained inspectorate, working at local level,

to monitor the care that is delivered by the

The amendment would cover all health and social care facilities including National Health Service and private hospitals and clinics, health centres and GPs' practices

private, the voluntary and the pul



Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health, leaving yesterday's Cabinet meeting

"The public ... is backing ese polls with their money. One reason why he won't starve he ambulance workers back is because the public won't let them starve.'

Mr Clarke said that the job of cretary of State for Health was always a controversial one and in proposing reform of the NHS he had made it even more

"A better National Health rvice requires an even better ambulance service."

Not enough attention had been paid to the ambulance service. It needed more staff with training in life-saving para-medical skills and they needed to be spread evenly across the

He had tried to say three key things during the dispute. First, the claim was excessive and not justified by comparison with

full at that time of year anyway,

and did not need party con-ferences to ensure the town's

The Home Office said yes-

terday that all local police authorities had their own special

requirements, whether it was

party conferences, pop concerts

or football matches. There was

prosperity, he said.

and mursing homes. The royal college's

working party recommended that teams of inspectors with health or social work qualifications should be established under a

• check that conditions of registration are

make regular visits to monitor standards;

• make reports and keep records on each

give advice to managers on standards and training.

"Care standards and guidelines would not only reflect physical and environmental factors but should also aim to outline agreed

standards where possible in areas such as leisure activities for residents, recreation, spiritual needs, skill mix, treatment plans, therapies, etc.", the college suggests.

ctional director.

The teams would:

other health service staff who had not taken industrial action. Second, the management offer was fair and generous and should be accepted. Third, the

industrial action was against patients and could not be justified in any essential service. Inevitably, that was not always a popular message. Am-bulance staffs were high in the respect of the public. Those presenting their claim could

describe in moving terms the work of the ambulance service On his alleged insult against ambulancemen, he wished to make clear that his views about the service and the men and

women working in it were identical to those of the public. menucal to those of the public.
"I do not know anybody, actually, who does not hold the ambulance service in very high regard for the work that they do."

differential between paramedics and the rest to try to get a much and the rest to try to get a notatinger proportion with paramedical training. It was a disgrace that only eight in London had such training. **Parliament**

The main business in the House expected to be: expected to be:
Monday: Environmental Protection Bill, second reading.
Tuesday: Coal Industry Bill, remaining stages.
Wednesday: Debate on parliamentary pensions. Pensions (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, remaining stages.

next week

remaining stages. Private Bills: Hythe Marina Village (South-ampton) Wavescreen Bill and Isie of Wight Bill, Lords Thursday: Motion on central

government financial support for English local authorities. Friday: Private member's motion on Opposition policies. The main business in the House of Lords is expected to

Monday: Food Safety Bill, committee, first day.
Taesday: Courts and Legal Services Bill, committee, first day. Wednesday: Debates on Ger การทุง กระบบที่โดยท่อก จาก ดา เลง relief on contributions to pri-Thursday: Food Safety Bill, committee, second day.

Parliament today

matter in the committee that Commons (9.30): Debate on the

Business questions

Rebuke for Labour MP

Campbell-Savours (Workington, Lab) had made a renewed attempt today to raise allegations about the possible business connections of a minister, Mr Michael Forsyth, was made in the Commons.

those who supported the am-bulance staffs were based on the

proposition that if you had respect for the ambulance ser-

vice's work, it followed that you supported their claim, at what-

Only slightly more than one

in ten ambulance staff had received full paramedical train-

to his young constituent had been that the proportion of ambulance staff with paramedi-

cal training should be expanded.

That was the wish of the management of the service and Mr Duncan Nichol's offer had been based on widening the

Mr Nicholas Bennett (Pembroke, C) said that Mr Camphell-Sayours had made the fresh attempt, again in the standing committee considering the National Health Service and Community Care Bill, and had been ruled out of order by the chairman.

Was it in order for an MP to do this again when the allegations had been denied by the minister, because this was tantamount to saying that the minister was a liar?

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) said he hoped that what Mr Bennett had said was not true in view of the solemn undertaking given by Mr Camp-bell-Savours to the House on Tuesday (This was after Mr Campbell-Savours made his first attempt to bring up the

That had led to the Leader of assurance there was nothing in the House (Sir Geoffrey Howe) them.
withdrawing, motion to give The select committee on

A complaint that Mr Dale the chairman of the committee power to suspend any MP at further sittings, the Speaker He did not think that Mr Campbell-Savours should per-

sist in this conduct. Earlier, Mr Campbell-Savours, on a point of order, had asked during business questions that Mr Forsyth should make a

personal statement to the House to answer the question whether, when he was no longer a minister, he intended to return to the firm of Michael Forsyth Ltd. When be did so, the matter would be finished. Sir Geoffrey Howe, Leader of the House, said Mr Forsyth had

done his best to answer the allegations made under cover of parliamentary privilege. If the matter was as important as Mr Campbell-Savours stated, he might take the opportunity to raise it outside that cover.

Mr Edward Leigh (Gains-borough and Horncastle, C) said that Mr Campbell-Savours should not use the privilege of the House to indulge in McCarthyite smears against Mr Forsyth, who had given a clear assurance there was nothing in

investigating the efficiency of the microphone system in the Leader of the House, said during business questions. His remarks came immedi-

ately after Prime Minister's question time when a number of MPs complained that they could not hear Mrs Thatcher. Mr David Howell (Guildford. C) told Sir Geoffrey that, al-

though some MPs might be getting older and deafer, the acoustics in the Chamber were undountedly becoming considerably worse. Ministers were having some difficulty in making themselves heard. There had

been a definite deterioration. Sir Geoffrey said that he was not sure that there had been a deterioration but a number of MPs had brought the matter to his attention. He was advised that the

problem was the consequence of

the antiquity of the microphone system. The televising experiment had been authorized to proceed with the existing acoustic equipment. The committee on televising the House was looking at what should be done to modernize

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An amendment, drafted by the college, to the Government's health and community care reforms legislation is due to be debated next Treaday during the committee stage scratiny in the Communs. Mr Clarke opposes the idea, but many MPs believe it would help to reassure

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Troops leave Tiananmen Square as Chinese leadership begins talks on Hong Kong

Two held as police keep wary eye on the Peking crowd

British television crew, an

agitated middle-aged woman

reunification with Taiwan.

interested in human rights and

the reform that was on the

forbade from any reporting not approved by the authori-

ties, were effectively lifted

yesterday. "It is a return to

normal," said Mr Jin Guihua,

a spokesman for the Foreign

that the majority of Peking's

respect" for the lifting of

lengthy justification of the

original order made in the

address by the Prime Min-

ister, Mr Li Peng, on Wednes-

At a press briefing, Mr Yuan

Mu, the State Council spokes-man, said a "small increase"

is not positive."

Ministry

detained by police for disrupting the peace yesterday in Tiananmen Square, marring the full reopening of central Peking that followed the lifting of martial law.

After all but a few armed police marched out of the square early yesterday, plainclothes officers replaced them and filtered through the crowd of tourists, kite-flyers and curiosity-seekers all day.

They appeared to be under orders to prevent any show of opposition to the Government, including attempts to mourn those who were killed during the crackdown on protesters last June.

The Monument to the Revolutionary Martyrs, an obelisk in the centre of the square that served as a command post for the democracy movement last year, was cordoned off and six armed police stood guard round it.

In the morning, a university student arrived carrying large rolls of posters he wanted to display in the square. As the police began to close in, the student walked away. "Putting up the posters would be like sacrificing myself for nothing," he said. Onlookers stared silently at a noticeboard proclaiming the monument out of bounds. Pasting up posters, shouting slogans, eeping on the ground and laying wreaths in the area were forbidden, it added.

In the afternoon, witnesses saw an elderly man in a worn. blue Mao jacket carted away by plainclothes police after he shouted at soldiers: "How many people did you kill?"

"The living are dead and the dead will return," the man yelled defiantly, as police escorted him inside the Museum of Revolutionary History, where soldiers or armed police are believed to be stationed in over normal troop strength in

case of any large-scale Peking and surrounding areas would be maintained to help Soon afterwards, in the social order. course of an interview with a

From early morning, people

Shortly before noon up to Asked why she was being 1,000 troops camped in the detained, a policeman said she "had problems". But others in the crowd clearly got the message that they should watch their step and minimize contacts with foreign

"I thought martial law was Restrictions on journalists, which martial law technically over," said one of the several thousand people strolling around the square as he

was not tied to any specific event but was aimed at move — and we would all like improving the capital's mood to go forward — there is no way you can look at that and say it as the lunar new year

over Mr Fang Lizhi, the dissident astrophysicist who

Asked about the fate of Mr Communist Party leader, Mr Yuan said that Mr Zhao's case was still under investigation, and that he was living "a normal life" in Peking with his

Public Security officials keep

watched workmen removing was taken away by police after she began to cry while discussharricades to widen access to the square and lined up to ing the need for China's have their pictures taken by professional photographers.

> history museum since June marched across the square, chanting and singing military songs. They disappeared into a walled compound near the Great Hall of the People.

Washington (Reuter) - President Bush has hailed the watched the soldiers go by. Mr Yuan denied that any of lifting of martial law in China announced on Wednesday. the officers in the museum were from the People's Libera-Speaking to reporters yes-terday, he said: "I view the lifting of martial law as a very sound step. For those who are tion Army. "You are wrong. All the soldiers have left," he said. Mr Yuan said the timing of the lifting of martial law

Asked if the lifting of martial law meant that the dispute

took refuge in the US Embassy last year, might also be settled, Mr Yuan let the Foreign Ministry spokesman answer. Mr Jin repeated earlier statements that the Fang question required efforts from both China and the US. "The only way out" was for Mr Fang to martial law, and read out a plead guilty immediately.

(South China Morning Post)



Stormy words darken Governor's visit

Sir David Wilson, the Hong Kong relations, that it is time Kong Governor, hit the first snag in his mission to restore relations with China yesterday when he engaged in a public verbal clash with Mr Li Hou, a senior Chinese official, over anti-Peking protests in Hong

told Sir David in public that a recent pro-democracy rally in the territory would affect the normalization of Sizo-Hong Kong relations.

He said there were still people in the territory causing trouble. "For instance, some people on New Year's Day chanted 'Down with the socalled Ceansescus in China'." Launching his verbal at-

tack, Mr Li said this was more rain "which is not too big and not too small. What we have to do now is clear away the clouds so we can see the clear blue

"I bave said in Guangzhou (in November), concerning Sino-British and Sino-Hong

we should have a clear sky

A serious-looking Sir David was taken aback by Mr Li's remarks. In response, he pointed to the need to "distinguish between a small shower of rain and a typhoen and not to get confused with the two".

Sir David said: "I'm not an expert on weather forecasts. But we are almost at the end of the winter and spring is coming round. We'd like to be in the period of spring weather."

Mr Li chipped in: "Small showers of rain will become typhoons if they are not given mediate attention. That is what we have to work hard to prevent - further rain."

The exchange, clearly referring to Hong Kong pro-democactivities which China branded as subversive, erupted during a photo call before formal talks between Mr Li and Sir David at the Diaoyutai guesthouse.

Mr Li, deputy director of the

From Chris Yeung, Peking

State Council's Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office, was organized by the Hong Kong Alliance in Support of the Patriotic Democratic Movement in China on New Year's Day outside the New China News Agency's headquarters in Happy Valley.

More than 10,000 pro-testers chanted slogans such as "Down with the Ceausescus in China" and "Down with the Deng-Li-Yang clique".

In Hong Kong last night an organizer of the New Year's Day march, Mr Lan Chinshek, said there was "neither heavy rain nor strong wind but only spring showers which will acurish the land".

Mr Li's attack on the Alliance, chaired by Mr Szeto Wah, the Hong Kong leg-islator, indicated that differences still remain over the Government's handling of prodemocracy activities in the territory.

The Hong Kong Govern-

ment has maintained that the territory has never been used "The discussion was held in

But Peking apparently fears that a quicker pace of democratic reforms would open the way for liberals who are closely associated with the Alliance to dominate the future Special Administrative Region Government.

The Basic Law Drafting Committee, on which China holds the majority, has ten-tatively confined the number of directly elected seats to the legislature in 1997 to 18, or 30 per cent of the Assembly.

Emerging from yesterday's three-hour talks with Mr Li and another Chinese official, Mr Lu Ping, Sir David re-mained tight-lipped on whether he had put forward a more liberal political model.

He would only say: "We've had a very useful and practical discussion on a number of matters of mutual concern.

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to leave the details at the end of the series of discussions." Mr Li, on the other hand would only say that he had briefed Sir David on the made by the Basic Law Draft-

during their recent session He emphasized, however, that he believed that differences could be narrowed

"Over the past few years, we had been keeping constant contact which was beneficial to both sides. We hope that in the near-future we can restor such close contact," said Mr

Sir David agreed and said that discussions would help to re-establish a constructive dialogue to deal with practical issues facing the territory. (South China Moraing Post)

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WORLD ROUNDUP

Moscow boost to Gulf peace hope

A breakthrough appeared to have been achieved yesterday in the long-running quest for a peace settlement after the Gulf War, when Iraq joined Iran in agreeing to a Soviet offer of mediation (Hazhir Teimourian writes). The prospects seemed bright for a lasting peace for the first time since the two countries stopped fighting in August, 1988.

The Soviet offer was announced on Wednesday. Mr Gennadi Gerasimov, the Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman, said the initiative had been agreed with Senor Javier Perez de Cuellar, the UN Secretary-General, and did not mean "any substitution for the UN peace efforts in the region". The indication was that the initiative had been some time in preparation and the Soviet Union believed there was a good chance of success. Talks will be held in Moscow between the Iranian and Iraqi foreign ministers.

Row over Kashmir

Delhi - Relations between Pakistan and the new Indian Government have soured amid an angry exchange of words over escalating violence in the Kashmir Valley, most of which has been placed under a shoot-on-sight curfew (Christopher Thomas writes).

Pakistan yesterday attacked Indian "distortions" of its alleged role in fanning trouble in the valley, and warned that blaming Pakistan for what was happening was "potentially very dangerous". Earlier, Indian government officials quoted Mr Vishwanath Pratap Singh, the Prime Minister, as cautioning Islamabad not to support armed Kashmiri secessionists, because "such things become difficult to manage if allowed to grow".

Soviet rig in trouble Oslo (Reuter) - A gale carried a Soviet oil rig close to the

Norwegian coast early yesterday and Norwegian helicopters flew 16 of the 23 crew to safety. Mr Kjell Larssen, leader of the rescue team, said four Soviet tugs were holding the Kolskaya rig steady about 1,000 yards from shore near the northern town of Vannoyea. The situation is under control," he said, adding that the remaining members of the crew "will not be evacuated unless the situation worsens".

The Kolskaya, the first Soviet rig that was intended to be

used in the Norwegian sector of the North Sea, was being towed by tugs from the Soviet port of Murmansk to Stavanger in western Norway when the wind and heavy seas swept it towards the coast.

Picasso works stolen

Antibes, France - Thieves have stolen 80 ceramic works by Pablo Picasso worth two million francs (£210,000) from the French Riviera workshop where the artist worked for 40 years, police said yesterday (Reuter reports). The robbers broke through a window of the workshop in Vallauris, near here, on the night of December 28-29 when the gallery was closed for the new year holiday. They carted away the 80 pieces, including decorated plates, serving dishes and pots,

Saudis deny torture

Saudi Arabia yesterday denied that it held any political prisoners or used torture to extract confessions (Michael Knipe writes). The denial was in response to an Amnesty International report published yesterday that cited evidence of systematic human rights violations, including the use of torture, in the kingdom in recent years. The report detailed the cases of 66 detainees, one of whom died in custody. The Saudi Press Agency described it as "inaccurate, exaggerated and based on accounts that should not be believed".

Massacre inquiry

Nairobi - The Sudanese military junta has set up a committee to investigate the death last month of hundreds, possibly thousands, of southern tribespeople in central Sudan (Marti Colley writes). Diplomats say at least 600 of the Nilotic Shuluk people, including women and children, were killed by the Muslim Subha tribe in riots at El-Jebelein at the end of December. The ruling Revolutionary Council claims 214 people were killed and 38 wounded; the Sudan People's Liberation Army puts the depth toll at more than 2,000.

Mayor's mouth brings him more trouble From Susan Ellicott, Washington

A sign outside the Bottom cibility in office. Mr Barry, anti-Semitic by Barry critics. in the world, I do not use the anybody in this town can beat Line bar in central Wash- assailed by repeated but un- The mayor told The Los 'black dialect' she chose to me. I'm invincible." The ington on Wednesday said it proved allegations that he uses Angeles Times in a letter that attribute to me." he told the newspaper also quoted him as all for critics of the city's cocaine, said the article was mayor: "Surprise. The Mayor is innocent again."

It was the second day in a row that the establishment, which hangs up a newsworthy slogan each day, had focused on Mr Marion Barry and the latest controversy surrounding him as he prepares to run for a fourth term in office.
"Mr Mayor", it warned, "you're getting messy with

The week has been tough for Mr Barry, already under siege from repeated allegations of corruption and cocaine abuse. In the latest of a long series of critical profiles in the national press, The Los Angeles Times last weekend quoted him as ridiculing any aspirations the Rev Jesse Jackson might have

to run for mayor of the city. The reporter, who spent more than 18 hours with the mayor as he went about his duties, also quoted him as making anti-Semitic remarks and commenting on his invin-

full of "factual inaccuracies and, in some cases, blatant "Jesse don't wanna run

nothing but his mouth," Mr Barry was quoted as saying in the two-page profile, and that Mr Jackson would become "the laughing stock of America" if he ran for mayor. Musing as to why his second

wife still loves him after media accounts of his alleged infidelities, Mr Barry concluded it was because he was good in bed. "I was good then. I'm even better now," the paper reported.

He was also quoted as describing as "Judases" the former fund-raisers who abandoned him and talked to the media.

have said. "Jews should be the last to spread rumours. They've been persecuted themselves. You'd think they'd know better." The re-marks were interpreted as

he was "shocked" when he read the profile. The comments, Mr Barry's

protests and the newspaper's defence of its article have filled national media all week and provided further ammunition for Mr Barry's polarized supporters and critics. The editor of the respected

West Coast newspaper, Mr Shelby Coffey, said he stood by the article and that the reporter taped the comments as Mr Barry sipped wine in one of his favourite city bars. The article depicted Mr politician who, when relaxed, uses crude language and makes fun of allegations that he indulges in cocaine and chases women. In addition, it described him lecturing to power have started to lose schoolchildren against drug

Mr Barry has accused the Barry confider reporter, Belia Stumbo, of of re-election. racism and has demanded an apology. While I am admit-vote, at least," the article

newspaper's editor in a letter.

Mr Jackson, who moved to the Washington district from Chicago last year, played down the reported comments and said Mr Barry assured him they were not true. Privately, however, a source of his was quoted in The Washington Post as saying he believed the newpaper had accurately quoted the mayor.

Mr Jackson's move raised speculation that he might run for mayor and win because Mr Barry has come under increasing criticism for the way he Barry as a vain and arrogant runs the city and for details of his private life. Mr Jackson has denied he intends to run. Observers say that even the

liberal white and poor black voters who brought Mr Barry patience with him. But The Los Angeles Times found Mr Barry confident of his chances

tedly not the best enunciator quoted him as saying. "Isn't you're a grown man."

boasting of his sexual prowess and dismissing a plan to unseat him as a conspiracy among white detractors, especially the mainstream press. "I'm gonna be like that lion

the Romans had - they can keep throwin' their stuff at me you know, but I'll be kickin' their asses, every time! In the end, I be sittin' there, lickin' my paws."

Stumbo, aged 46, has worked at The Los Angeles Times for 18 years and is renowned for her perseverance in tracking prominent figures and extracting embarrassing comments from them as they relax their public

A Californian official, who fell prey in 1981, explained her technique this week in The Washington Post. "She's an incredibly charming person. People like me and Marion Barry, with egos the size of a room, she knows how to play that. And that's your fault if

Lord Templer's anti-insur-

Mr Tanaka and Mr Hashi-

moto said they thought they

would die in the jungle, but five

weeks ago the guerrillas signed peace treaties with

Malaysia and Thailand and

have surrendered earlier be-

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The men said they could not

Relatives have come from

Japan to meet the two old

warriors. Mr Tanaka was

greeted by his daughter, who

was five years old when he

went away. Two brothers met

Mr Hashimeto, who is now

disbanded their army.

their guerrilla friends.

gency campaign,

At the Renaiss Kanazawa Japan's old fighters come in from the jungle

clocks which monitor arrival and departure times and calculate charges.

versity are working on a system whereby devices placed under the car chassis could read navigational bar codes painted on roads and flash a local map and instructions such as "20 kilometres". straight ahead to Yokohama' on a screen in front of the

chine had to be loaded manually, which gave other patrons a respite from the wailing but delayed the debut

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From Joe Joseph Tokyo

Bar codes were born in America but have blossomed in Japan, where they are transforming life so quickly than futurists predict we may soon handle all our financial affairs with the aid of a personal bar code scanned daily by every-one from the milkman to McDonald's.

In Britain, bar-code readers are still most familiar in retailing, where they help to speed supermarket queues.

In Japan they have spread from supermarket check-outs to car parks, leisure resorts, hospitals and karaoke sing-along bars. Whereas chichi holiday complexes elsewhere may give the guest a necklace of beads to use as money at the various concessions in the holiday village, more and more in Japan are bestowing personal bar codes.

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resort in western Japan — 🐙 100,000-square-yard leisure centre with swimming pool, baths, saunas and a theatre waiters, shop clerks and attendants simply scan the bar-coded bracelet snapped on to the guest's wrist when he or she arrives. On departure, the bracelet is read again and the computer prints out the bill. . Car parks link bar codes to

Researchers at Tokai Uni-

In the famous karaoke bars, where would-be Sinatras used to leaf through a menu of songs before telling the mamma-san which soundtrack they would like to accompany, crooners can now just pass an electronic barcode reader across the song's designated code in the selection book. The hi-fi equipment translates these requests into music. Before, the ma-

of many new stars. Kyoto University Hospital is using bar codes on patient charts to help centralized management of patient records and accounts. Tokyo Disneyland uses them to track the progress of cars on its rides, ensuring there is a safe gap between them.

Peace at last: Mr Kiyoaki Tanaka going home after meeting his daughter, left, in Bangkok.

From Neil Kelly, Bangkok

ers, who have spent most of their lives cut off from their families and the outside world. resterday explained why they ought another war after their Allies in 1945.

preters, they said they ignored the Japanese surrender in

Mr Hashimoto said: "I am

in a former British ironworks

done what they had been taught to do. Speaking through inter-

ready to return to Japan The two men, who kept up

supplying the Japanese occupation army in Malaya. With 20 to 30 Japanese soldiers who also refused to surrender, they joined the Communist guerrillas plan-ning an uprising against the restored colonial government,

Two old Japanese war workand are the only survivors of the original group.

Mr Tanaka said his friends in the Communist Party of Malayia "were saddened by my departure, but I have to return to Japan where I will try to do something to promote peace and prevent wars". Both men said that, when

Emerging from their jungle stronghold in southern Thai-land, Mr Kiyoaki Tanaka, aged 76, and Mr Shigeyuki Hashimoto, 72, said they had they were too old for combat. they made ammunition and weapons in a guerrilla camp in southern Thailand. The Comnunists were forced into Thailand in 1959 by Field Marshal

1945. "We could have gone back to Japan then, but we fought on to free Malaya from British colonial rule," they said. They had been told that Japan began the war in the Far East to end Western domination of Asia.

because it is a democracy." with world events on shortwave radios, had not been soldiers but munitions workers

confined to a wheelchair by a blood disorder. After 45 years together the two are now to be separated. Tomorrow Mr Tanaka will go to Tokyo to live with his wife In the next 40 years they and daughter, Mr Hashimoto fought British, Australian, That and Malaysian forcest; is to live with relatives elsewhere in Japan,

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plagiarism. Now, equally implacable, she is preaching a fervent doctrine of dissent over the history of the feminist movement She has good cause. After Princess Victoria, Prince Albert and Margot Asquith, her

steady drum roll in America over the past six months as Noriega went from simply being a nasty little pock-marked thug into a monster kingpin in America's drug crisis. It was rather Orwellian, watching the campaign of hate. One day he was America's ally and then, all of a sudden, his face was the one responsible for turning America's schools and ghettos into crack houses. As dictators go, Noriega was

America watching tele-

vision as a stern-looking

American official took

some journalists on a tour of the compound of General Manuel

Nonega. "Noriega," he told the cameras, "was known to have con-

sorted and availed himself of pros-

titutes." It's quite peculiar the way

some people speak, like police of-ficers who never "stop" a suspect

Then the camera swivelled

around some beige rooms, which

were described as evidence of the

pretty extravagant lifestyle that

we have uncovered". There was a quick shot of a rather ordinary

looking bucket, said to have blood

in it for satanic rites of some sort.

"We uncovered pornography and

a substantial amount of cocaine," the official said. I believe they

mentioned a bit of Hitler memo-

rabilia and then a screening room

and videos. One could hear Amer-

What on earth is all this about, I

wondered. At the time, Noriega

was on the lam, he hadn't even

mmed up in the Vatican Embassy.

but "apprehend" them.

neither the best nor the worst. But the action of the United States in invading a sovereign nation, even one hijacked by a nasty little dictator, is a dubious matter at best and required some very fast talking. The result is that Noriega has been elevated from a horrid snitch to a fully fledged devil. In turning Noriega into Lucifer,

the Americans chose to concentrate on the general's home-life which, to put it mildly, is vulnerable. Americans are a puritanical lot and they expect heads of state to have uncomplicated and healthy love lives. Even before Mrs Reagan's book, we all knew

bout 10 days ago I was in It was true that there had been a that Nancy adored Ronnie. During the Carter presidency we suffered through the syrup of Jimmy, Rosalind, and their frightful daughter Amy. I heard more than I ever wanted to about how

much Jerry Ford stood by Betty while her various ailments were exorcized. It turns out that President John F. Kennedy consorted with a lot of women while married, even the odd gangster's moll, but he is the exception that proves the rule. Noriega, on the other hand, seems to have been a head of state

who came complete with wife, mistress, prostitutes and a personal drug habit. Pornography, drugs and prostitutes aren't, I would venture, news among many of the death spots of the world today, never mind several million American homes. As for his alleged voodoo rituals, well, they may be irrational but then so are the sacraments of the Church of England. The really damning charge, I think, is the notion now put about that the general may be a bisexual connoisseur of young boys. Still, even given the level of



BARBARA AMIEL

concern in America about child abuse, I'm not sure that is sufficient reason to invade his country. As for the cocaine charges against him, drug dealing is a nasty business, but it might have been more useful to have invaded Colombia or Cuba if eliminating cocaine was the issue. For my money, the moral relativism

seems more obscene and dangerous to me than his activities. Alas for Noriega, he was an unprotected animal. The reasons President Bush gave for his actions against him - the protection of American interests, the flouting of democracy by Noriega, his activities in the drug trade - may all be true. But when it comes to American interests, Fidel Castro is a thousand times more inimical. He has supported a world-wide terrorist industry and has most certainly has been involved in drugs. But oddly, Castro's communism has kept him protected both by the power of the Soviet Union and an unholy domestic alliance in America of left-wing church groups and organizations There was no equivalent support structure for the pock-marked little general.

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Mind you, I'd find the notion of the United States invading Cuba as dubious as its action in Panama, although I don't belong to that school of thought that sees a parallel between the invasion of Panama by the United States and

that of Afghanistan by the Soviet Union. There is no parallel between a great democracy using force to save or restore a democracy and a powerful tyranny using force to save or impose a tyranny. The will of the people is the only source of political legitimacy and it follows that democracy is the only legitimate form of government. All the same, while tyrannies may not carry political legitimacy, they are still sovereign entities and other nations can't just move in and impose governments on them, even "better" or more legitimate governments.

he problem Noriega ultimately faced was that he misread the times. He thought that because he had something on America, namely his role as a little tattle-tale used by the CIA, he could act as he wished. But while America may not have been spiritually prepared to do something about people who kicked sand in its face during the post-Vietnam period, now it will attack weaklings who kick it. Meanwhile, moral relativism

reigns supreme. Was it only 11 years ago that the Queen rode through the streets of London with President Nicolae Ceausescu and his missus and then pinned a medal on his chest? It was only four years ago that Canada's prime minister, Brian Mulroney, feted Ceausescu on a state visit and the Canadian governor-general made a speech about how "particularly honoured" Canadians were to receive Ceausescu. As it happened, that was the same week the Canadians closed the trade offices of South Africa.

The Romanians didn't need to create a demonology around Ceausescu. Nor, unlike the United States' plans for the general, did they really bother with the pretence of a trial. Mad dogs are shot on sight. Putting them in the dock only tarnishes the court. "We won't stand, dear," were Elena's last recorded words. "General Noriega respectfully refuses to submit to the jurisdiction of this court," was the response of the little snitch's lawyer in Miami. President Bush should have learnt from the Romanians.

First ladies of feminism



aphne Bennett is

slight and white-haired, and when

accompanied by

her husband (the retired presi-

dent of Magdalene College, Ralph Bennett) and by a stout

abled, but I was muzzed once and I dislike being alone after

dark." It would, however, be a

grave mistake to think her

fluffy. This is an historian

with a passionate regard for

original sources and a very

combative streak it was she

who brought - and won - the

famous lawsuit against Princess Michael of Kent for

Emily Davies (left) was fighting for the education of women long before the suffragettes made their name. Libby Purves met the writer intent on winning greater esteem for this early feminist

been plugging away in the cause of women's liberation for 50 years before the suffragettes. What is more, Emily Davies would never have dreamed of doing anything so unconstructive as jumping under a racehorse. "She was careful never to alienate men. If men held the power, she realized she must not make them feel small." Virtually all modern femi-

nist writers infuriate Bennett to the point of incoherence. Simone de Beauvoir says that feminism in England was

latest biographical subject is Pankhursts. Timid? Nonan almost forgotten heroine: sense! As for Germaine Greer Emily Davies, the founder of - goodness, that woman the first women's college, spouts the most awful rubbish Girton, If you dare to confuse - she has carried on this her with Emily Davison, the stupid idea that nothing hapsuffragette who threw herself under the King's horse, Ben-suffragettes!" Above all, she nett will seethe. Quite justifiably: her Emily had, after all, the women's movement began in the 1960s. "Sara Maitland wrote that it began somewhere between the death of Marilyn Monroe and that of Janis Joplin. That is an insult to earlier women, and especially to Emily.'

Her quarrel with modern feminism is not only about its origins; it is qualitative, too. She greatly dislikes what she sees as an unhealthy emphasis on women's physiological characteristics, the mystical matriarchal earth-motherish ideal. "There is an ignorant neglect of minds, and of the 'very timid' until 1903 and the whole issue of women's edu-



cation." For her, as for Emily Davies a century earlier, education is at the core of the whole issue.

Reading the biography, one is swept into this way of thinking. Emily Davies was born in 1830, a cleric's daughter. Her upbringing was kindly but caged: she was refused a part in her brothers' lessons. "They were going to Oxford, you see. She was to stay at home with her Mamma. Now my own mother," says Ben-nett parenthetically, "under-went the same sort of thing:

she was brought up by two to school but they simply couldn't swallow the idea of her going to Girton. You see, for women like this there was just no hope."

mily Davies wrote movingly of how being cut off from education "stifles and chills". Her words about middle-class women's lives ring despairingly true down the decades, right to her biographer's own generation: "Women are not

healthy. It is a rare thing to meet with a lady who does not suffer from headaches, languor, hysteria or some illness showing a want of stamina. Dullness is not healthy ... Men think duliness is calm. If they had ever tried what it is to be a young lady, they would know better." "Very true," Bennett says. "You see why I have a passion for her?"

When her father moved to Gateshead, however, Emily found an antidote to duliness. With unworldly innocence,

'As for Germaine Greer, she has carried on this stupid idea that nothing happened until those ill-advised suffragettes!'

devices, and the 11-year-old roamed the town, fascinated by the slums. She visited bovels, saw starvation, birth and death, learnt about sex and incest, and angrily took note of the pale women who worked to full term of pregnancy and came home to light the fire and deal with crying children, while their husbands

sat slumped in a chair.

All this she candidly described in later life: but her rare and central gift was that, unlike dreamier feminists of her day, she was able to see a clear continuum between the safe, dull, overprotected life of the young lady and the bestial poverty of working-class women. Education, she firmly decided, was the answer to it. all: to fit women for better In the 1860s, when the

Local Examinations were started, she campaigned for girls to be eligible as well as boys: it is difficult to comprehend the horror this aroused. Male academics said that the girls would collapse, having smaller heads than boys, and that only married men with daughters would be suitable for the sensitive job of examining these frail creatures. At the last moment, Cambridge grudgingly agreed

By 1869 she had founded her mother left her to her own her women's college, precur-

sor of Girton, despite warnings that it would turn out dreadful, mannish creatures devoid of the "privacy and clinging for protection ... the full ripening of the precious qualities of womanhood", as Dr Dyke Acland put it. George Eliot summoned her with a vague offer of help, but hoped that examinations for girls would not be compulsory, because a woman's constitution would not stand the strain. But Girton was founded, and the rest is his-

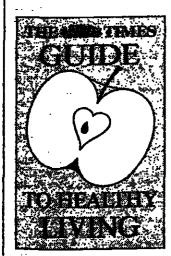
ennett herself, a child in the Twenties, was allowed to study at home but banned from school, lest it coarsen her. "And my stepsister, who had to support her family when her husband was wounded in the first war. was a teacher but could never be a headmistress because she was married. There were great restrictions, even then.'

There is an atmosphere, a breeze blowing through the book, which is oddly familiar. Even in the late Sixties when I studied, I remember noticing odd clues that, long before our strident women's movement there had been another age of protest. Elderly dons, remembering the triumph when lectures and full degrees were Twenties, had something of Emily's passion. They were often women who, like her. never married but thought it a world well lost for learning they conveyed energy and optimism, and a post-revolutionary sense that for us girls to be there at all was still a marvellous victory.

It seems a small river to have crossed, now: but we should honour the women who built the stepping-stones.

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News on environmental

I spy nitrates A new book by Nigel Dudley, researcher, called Nitrates the Threat to Food and Water (Green Print, £4.99), is the first comprehensive guide to nitrate pollution: how and why it occurs, the ecological implications of the build-up of nitrates in food and drinking water, the effects on humans and nitrates' contribution to the greenhouse effect. It also lists practical steps for readers to reduce the amount of Trust, Autumn Park, nitrates they consume. The Grantham, Lincs NG31 6LL book is available through good bookshops, or for £5.49 (inc p&p) from Green Print, The Merlin Press, 10 Malden

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The race murder that wasn't

Conservative Boston has been rocked by a seemingly clear-cut case of racial violence, made all the more shocking by on-the-spot media coverage, which turned out to be something else

altogether. Peter Stothard reports

Carol Stuart is the most haunting event for Massachusetts since the assassination of John F. Kennedy, a popular Boston columnist wrote this week.

"The 'Stuart murder' may not sound as dramatic as the 'Boston strangler'," commented a shop assistant on the city's fashionable Beacon Hill, "but in some ways it is worse for us." The fatal shooting of Carol Stuart 10 weeks ago has raised a storm that now rages even more fiercely than when it began. It has made this proud city appear primitive, racist and gullible.

On the night of October 23 television viewers were treated to news pictures which were shocking even to those hardened to inner-city crime. A seven-months pregnant white woman was slumped in the passenger seat of a stationary Toyota car. Her dark curly hair was matted with the blood from a bullet wound. Beside her was a man, teeth gritted and chest bare, stiffened with pain from the bullet in his stomach.

Audiences simultaneously heard the just-completed telephone conversation between the wounded man, who did not appear to know where he was, and the police cars who were trying to answer his calls for help. Only by turning on and off their sirens - so that the police telephonist listening on the Toyota's car phone could judge when a police car was getting close - had the police found the scene of the crime. It was sensational broadcast news.

In the newspapers the next day Bostonians were able to read in detail how 29-year-old Charles "Chuck" Stuart, the successful manager of the city's most exclusive furrier, and his 30-year-old wife, Carol, a lawyer, had been happily driving away from their hospital's pre-natal class that night; how a black man in a baseball cap had burst into the

he story of Charles and traffic lights and demanded cash and Carol's rings; how the attacker had been panicked into thinking that the pair were undercover police officers and twice pulled the trigger of his .38 pistol. The impact on public and

political consciousness was instant. The mainly black Mission Hill district of Boston, near where the attack took place, was swamped with police conducting street searches until "a chosen few" suspects had been found. The top choice, a 39-year-old black criminal and gun fanatic called Eddie Bennett, had allegedly even confessed to the crime and been seen carrying jewels and a gun from the scene.

The Stuarts, meanwhile, were being canonized as "the Camelot couple" (the ultimate Kennedytown accolade). According to Father Francis Gallagher, the priest who had known "Chuck" since his days as an altar boy, "they were young people with the world on a lead". Charles Stuart was now a hero. It was reported from hospital how, 17 days after the shooting, he wheeled himself painfully to the cotside of his dying baby son, born prematurely by Caesarean section, but who never recovered from oxygen loss during the shooting. Carol had died soon after the birth. The smashed family was the quintessence of white middle-class values at the mercy of black ghetto crime.

Politicians plied the message for all that it might be worth. Republican leaders called for the death penalty to be restored. Democrats used the new threat to public safety as justification for a tax increase. Boston's Irish-American mayor, Raymond Flynn, believed that the publicity might help him to succeed Michael Dukakis as Massachusetts' governor. Even Dukakis himself, battered during the American presidential campaign for his alleged indifference towards black-on-white crime, attended Carol's funeral at Father



Disillusion in Camelot: Charles and Carol Stuart and, inset, Eddie Bennett, wrongly suspected of the attack

Gallagher's red-brick church of St James, close to her family home. The packed congregation was read the husband's last tribute to

his wife: "I miss you and I love you." Of her killer, he said that "in our souls we must forgive this sinner because He would too". Last Thursday the same Charles Stuart was himself found dead in

the Mystic River under Boston's

Tobin Bridge. A suicide note, left in a new white Nissan car bought with the insurance pay-out on Carol's life, did not admit to the killing but described the strain of the police hunt. But the dead man's younger brother confessed to police. Charles Stuart, it transpired, had shot his wife in the head. Rather less efficiently he had shot himself in the stomach while aiming at his

foot. His brother had been on

became a stirrer for good causes

and led a delegation about the

quality of the meals. It was the

to take No for an answer, to prove that he could be on equal terms

"I didn't want to be better

than anyone else, just equal.

And I wanted to show my mother

with everyone else.

hand to take away the gun and the stolen jewels. The black assailant, whose identity and guilt was by now all but established in the public's mind, had never existed. Suddenly the city shuddered

through a psychological gear change. Spontaneous black protests were quickly reorganized into community demands that police apologize to the people of Mission Hill, and that financial recompense be paid to the slandered district. Mayor Flynn and his men, the protesters said, had too readily jumped to the conclusion that "a nigger pulled the trigger". The mayor, who had traditionally enjoyed good relations with the black community, was reluctant, He spluttered about how he had already "addressed the apology issue". His annual state-of-the-city

message needed hasty rewriting

for delivery last night, and his gubernatorial ambitions evaporated with every new word be wrote

The Boston media felt foolish and betrayed. They now set off determinedly to show yesterday's "Camelot husband" as today's diabolical fiend. Why, for example, had the "assailant" shot a woman in the head before shooting a man in the stomach? Why in all the immediate publicity after the shooting had Stuart not expressed worry or grief for his wife?

Friends and family members were discovered to have known about life insurance policies, although initially these were thought to be too small to explain such a crime.

To complete the now hopelessly film-like plot, a "stunning blonde" girlfriend was discovered, a figure

'The smashed family was the quintessence of white middle-class values at the mercy of black ghetto crime. Politicians plied the message for all that it might be worth. Republican leaders called for the death penalty to be restored'

skater and top university graduate who had sometimes worked with Stuart at the fashionable Kakas fur shop. In addition to buying the new white car, he had used the first part of the insurance money to pay \$800 for a gold brooch and

For Father Gallagher, standing among the red candles of the church in which he had married and buried Carol Stuart, this was "pure evil". "I've been a priest for-more than 40 years," he said. "I've seen a lot but I know now that anyone who thinks they've seen everything is a fool."

The story of the murder soon became two very different inquiries. The first was a very visibly determined police hunt. Out in the ice-strewn sea marshes of Boston's inner suburbia, divers searched for the gun and, after six days struggling against the fierce tidal flow, found the famous .38 pistol by the so-called "Dizzy" railway bridge from which the younger Stuart brother had hurled it.

A few - but socially important miles away, in the smart outer suburb of Reading to which the Stuarts had moved after their marriage, police questioned neighbours around the slate-blue clapboard house. A Christmas wreath of blue teddybears was still on the front door. Inside, evidence of more insurance policies was

At Kakas Furs, in the sickly atmosphere of scented floor polish and stuffed animal trophies, the owners had to explain when they had noticed that the office gun was missing from the office safe. It had been kept unused for 10 years, they said, and Charles Stuart had the key.

clear, the second line of inquiry, the self-examination carried out by the people of Boston, continued all the stronger. This is a proudly secretive city

in a state whose law, unlike many

other states, does not force family

But, as the police case began to

members to inform upon each other's crimes. How had that encouraged the almost successful 7...

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The city of the Kennedys has a specific history of racial tension entwined with its politics. The ultra-liberal policies for which Massachusetts is often ridiculed throughout the nation are a relatively recent arrival. Beneath the Democratic party surface is the still strong clannish, Irish-American sense of self-help and beggarmy-neighbour.

- ad the media shown their own prejudice? Most denied it. Had they simply "put scep-ticism on the shelf"? The Boston Globe said it felt

What seems certain was the role of the television cameras. By happening to be in the position to film the murder scene they had raised awareness of the story and, more importantly, etched a particular version of it on the public mind. The film became a movie — and popular movies need neat endings if the audience is not to feel cheated.

The most likely true end to this story is now the most simple. Along with life insurance policies worth almost \$700,000, books about starting a restaurant business have been discovered at the Stuart home.

Like the central figure in Theodore Dreiser's novel, An American Tragedy, Charles Stuart wanted to better himself in life and was prepared to kill his pregnant wife in order to do so.

But the questions will not stop yet. Father Gallagher has asked his congregation if "for just one day" they will forbear to speculate about the Stuart case. With "Chuck and Carol" book contracts piling up in New York and Boston, and election campaigns running till the autumn, even that seems a vain hope.

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David Blunkelt, the blind Member of Parliament, was, in his own words, "an angry youngster who the age of 16. His father had been dead for four years — the victim of an explosion at work — and

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an explosion at work — and Blunkett had been at a boarding school for the blind.

In an interview with Ray Connolly in *The Times* tomorrow, Blunkett explains that at school be

that I could do it, that I could achieve and that I could do something to help and look after "I wasn't sure whether I would succeed, didn't know what was going to happen to me or whether I was going to be able to look after myself."

Blunkett's story from childhood to Parliament is told in *The Times* Review section tomorrow.

Africa's lion in waiting

met Nelson Mandela in Pollsmoor prison, near Cape Town, five years ago. I remember waiting for him, surrounded by men in khaki uniforms with gold stars on their shoulder tabs. I could not understand a word they said, as they spoke Afrikaans. But I could sense their expectation in their hushed voices and nervous behaviour, as

if a ceremony was about to start. Then suddenly Mandela was there, a man about 6 ft tall, his hair silvering slightly at the sides, young-looking for his age, in neatly pressed shirt and trousers, carrying a clipboard and paper for

The guards moved to one side as he entered the room, as if deferring to a more senior officer. It was a moment that set the tone for the next three hours. Mandela was a prisoner, but very much the host and the man in charge. I was a guest in his home and the white South Africans his indoor staff. It was exactly five years ago and Mandela was a sprightly 66, before

his prostate trouble and his tuber-culosis. It was his third year in Pollsmoor, after his transfer from the infamous camp on Robben Island, a few miles out into Table Bay, where he had spent the early years of his detention in very harsh conditions, working in the lime quarry.

On the island he and the other "security prisoners" worked from

7 am to 4 pm in the quarry. wearing only shirt, shorts and sandals, with no socks or underwear. It was cold in the winter and the food was inadequate. They were driven on by the guards and anyone "slacking" was put into solitary confinement. Conditions improved in the mid-Seventies. Mandela was

allowed to study and, eventually. he was excused hard labour. The Red Cross gained access to him. By the time I met him, he was being kept in reasonable con-ditions, with five other African National Congress men in a large cell facing on to a courtyard where he could play table-tennis and grow vegetables in large pots. They had books, magazines and a radio that could only receive South African stations.

I found no trace of bitterness in the man, only a determination to rise above his quarter-century loss of freedom, or maybe to use it to illustrate and intensify his struggle against apartheid. Furthermore, although he was fighting fiercely enough, his ideas for South Africa's future were moderate, far more conciliatory than the mainstream ANC demand for an immediate election to a unitary government.

He wanted not to transfer power, but to share it. "Unlike white people anywhere else in Africa, those in South Africa

Nicholas Bethell reports on a rare meeting with Nelson Mandela, symbol of the struggle against apartheid



Sickly and 71: an artist's impression of how Mandela looks today

belong here," he said. "This is their home. We want them to live here with us and share power with us." He paid tribute to the whites who had built South Africa's prosperity, and proposed evolutionary change, rather than sudden disruption. The ANC leaders are a disparate

group. Some, like Oliver Tambo, are Christians. But many others are Stalinists of the pre-Gorbachov era who encourage attacks on whites in their own homes and the victory by "the flames of revolution". Mandela eschewed such fiery rhetoric, favouring talks with all South African groups, even Chief Gatsha Buthelezi's Inkatha movement, which the ANC has denounced as a quisling for its relationship with the South African government.

Even in 1964, charged with treason and on trial for his life, Mandela spoke with statesmanship, not as the terrorist fanatic that Pretoria has portrayed him to be all these decades. Mandela told the court how in 1960-61, after the Sharpeville massacre and South Africa's decision to declare itself a republic, blacks found themselves forced to ask the question: "What do we do now?" They could yield to the government's violence, or they could fight.

He admitted to having planned a campaign of sabotage against electricity and water installations, and to organizing explosions in Johannesburg and Durban in December 1961. One saboteur had been accidentally killed. There had been no white casualties. At that stage the ANC's armed struggle was aimed at property.

"I did not plan it in a spirit of recklessness, nor because I have any love of violence," he said at his trial. "I planned it as a result of a calm and sober assessment of the situation that had arisen after many years of tyranny, exploita-tion and oppression of my people by the whites."

He maintained his support for armed struggle, but within stricter limits than those practised by the ANC's fighters. For instance, he expressed regret for the May 1983 bomb explosion which killed 17 people, including 12 civilians, in Pretoria. "We aim for buildings or property," he said. "It may be that someone is killed in a fight, in the heat of battle. But we do not believe in assassinations."

nlike his wife Winnie, he has never supported the "necklace" killings of blacks alleged to have worked for the government, often as minor local officials in the townships. An assassination would only be justified, he told me, in the case of an informer who was actually endangering the lives of ANC fighters.

In 1985 President Botha offered to release Mandela on condition that he renounced violence. Mandela made it clear to me that he was prepared to recommend a ceaselire as soon as the govern-ment legitimized the ANC and opened talks with it. But there was violence on the government's side too, he said, and he would not humiliate the ANC by asking it to lay down its arms unitaterally. And that being the case, he could not break with the ANC by

renouncing the struggle himself. He is, after all, the ANC's

He has moved away from the communist sympathies he held 30 years ago. "I am a socialist and I believe in a classless society," he told me. "But I see no reason to belong to any political party at the moment. Businessmen and farmers, white or black, can also join our movement to fight racial discrimination. It would be a blunder to narrow the movement."

e added: "Britain has helped us, under Mrs Thatcher as well as under socialist governments, by condemning apartheid on principle. We may have dif-ferent ideas about the methods that should be used, but the most important thing is to condemn apartheid outright."

After our talk, I was taken to see Mandela's communal cell. We walked in slow procession up flights of stairs and round corners, with Mandela leading the way as if showing me round his home. I met his five cellmates. One of them was Walter Sisulu, Mandela's codefendant in 1964, who was himself released last year. They mentioned a few problems. There was a damp patch on one wall. The letters they received were being censored, words and whole sentences cut out of the paper with scissors. One letter looked as if it had been through a shredder.

"Aren't there any other com-plaints? No one want to go home?" Mandela said jokingly to his friends as we got ready to leave the cell. We walked out across the yard to a metal door in the wall, Well, this is my frontier. This is where I must say goodbye," he said. I shook his hand, promised to write and walked out into the bright Cape sunshine.

I have written regularly these past five years, and I know that some letters at least have reached him. He has written back several times, I am told, but no letter has arrived. According to H.J. Coetsee, South Africa's minister of justice, letters from sec-urity prisoners are sometimes subject to delay. I have been told by a senior South African official that the letters, one dating from 1985, are at last on their way.

Helen Suzman, the recently retired liberal South African poliician, once described Mandela as our country's only hope. That was probably true five years ago. I hope it is still true. But he will be 72 in July. He has had illnesses and operations since I saw him. I have a terrible fear that the South African government has, as usual, left things far too late.

Lord Bethell is a member of the European Parliament's Human Rights Committee

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AGENDA FOR CHEVENING

Pay negotiations at Ford make a sober background to the Chancellor's traditional Budget deliberations at Chevening which take place over the next two days. If the Ford unions feel confident of rejecting an offer of 10.2 per cent, that suggests either that increased flexibility and common sense in the workforce is much exaggerated or that comnames are being bailed out of their own folly by the fall in the pound since Mr Nigel Lawson's resignation. Neither conclusion is reassuring.

Whatever the outcome at Ford, the case for a tough Budget is strong. Mr Major has made it plain that he believes in a firm fiscal policy to buttress a strong anti-inflationary monetary policy. The Budget must see him deliver. In some ways the Chancellor has less room

for manoeuvre than his predecessor had in previous years. The outcome of the public expenditure survey — planned by Mr Major himself when he was Chief Secretary — means he will not have the benefit of a fall in spending as a proportion of the economy in the coming year. On the revenue side the simplification of the tax system into just two separate brackets for income tax means that revenue will tend to be less buoyant as the effect of inflation moving taxpayers into higher rates is reduced. He also has to pay the cost of bringing in independent taxation of husband and wife, estimated at £500 million or more in the coming year, and the full-year cost of last October's restructuring of national insurance contributions.

To the extent that policy has already been loosened Mr Major should think hard about tightening it up again. The most obvious option is to repeat the 1981 strategy and not index personal allowances. This would be a blow for a Chancellor determined to focus on the social as well as economic aspects of his policies, but as Mr Major has remarked the

pain of policies to cure inflation is not half as bad as inflation itself. The alternative of a real increase in excise duties might be difficult to square with EC commitments and would boost the retail price index. Changes to public spending plans between surveys are usually to be avoided, but it would be well worth clawing back some ground on the spending side if sensible possibilities present themselves.

What this should mean in terms of the appropriate size of the Budget surplus will be learnedly debated in the seclusion of the Foreign Secretary's country residence. Last year's plans sketched in a figure for 1990-91 of £10 billion, or £11 billion if tax cuts are abjured. But since then economic growth has slowed substantially which, other things being equal, will of itself tend to reduce the Budget surplus. A lower public sector debt repayment would not necessarily imply a looser policy.

Markets will judge the package largely by the size of the net tax increase or tax cut. A neutral Budget or a tax increase would not necessarily prevent the Chancellor from making some useful structural reforms. What these reforms might be - apart from the well-rehearsed plans for independent taxation - is more obscure than usual this year, both inside and outside the Treasury, because the new Chancellor has had relatively little time to formulate his views. But there is scope for further progress in levelling the playing field in the taxation of

The important thing is to get the big numbers right. The most ingenious and farreaching tax reforms will avail the Conservatives little at the next election if the Government has failed to get inflation under lock and key. A sound strategy for keeping inflation under control is always a Budget prerequisite; this year it is the beginning, middle and end of the story.

TEST OF INTEGRITY

Ever since the British Government decided to negotiate the terms on which Hong Kong would be handed back to China in 1997, ministers and officials have insisted that their sole concern is to secure the lasting welfare, pand freedom, of its 5.7 million people. Hong Kong's confidence in China's honour - and thus in the worth of the 1984 Sino-British Declaration - was destroyed by the Tiananmen Square massacre. The task before Mr Douglas Hurd, who flies to Hong Kong today, is to restore confidence in Britain's

He told The Times this week that "the first prize" for British policy would be to secure Chinese assent to British provisions for the colony, ensuring a "through train" from British to Chinese rule. That will not convince Hong Kong's people that Britain is determined to protect their rights - and to offer them shelter - if these are violated after 1997.

British policy has been based on the assumption that China can be persuaded, in its own interest, to observe the spirit of the "one country, two systems" formula aimed at securing the continued prosperity of Hong Kong. Since Tiananmen, however, China has made it increasingly clear that it views Hong Kong not as an economic asset, but as a political liability - a centre of subversion and counter-revolution which it intends to neutralize, at whatever cost.

It has accused campaigners for democracy in the colony of sedition, attacked proposals for a Bill of Rights and toughened clauses in its draft of the Basic Law under which Hong Kong will be governed after 1997. This week, it replaced its relatively liberal representative in the colony with Mr Zhou Nan, a hardline associate of the Chinese Prime Minister.

Mr Hurd's words may well be interpreted in Hong Kong to mean that Britain puts smooth relations with China before the interests of its subjects, or that Britain is stalling for time, hoping that in due course China will see reason and avoid Britain the embarrassment of confrontation.

To dispel that impression, he should make plain Britain's determination, if necessary, to act unilaterally. He needs to respond to the "strong and legitimate pressure" from Hong Kong to endow it with firmly entrenched democratic institutions.

These include an elected legislature and an enforceable Bill of Rights. The Hong Kong Government is showing signs of back-tracking on earlier pledges that the Bill of Rights will take precedence over any conflicting Hong Kong laws. Mr Hurd now says that there is "no crying need" to decide on direct elections to Hong Kong's Legislative Council.

That is too relaxed a view. It would be a grave mistake for Mr Hurd to wait until the Basic Law is finalized next month. Hong Kong's leaders want a third of the 60 seats open to universal franchise in 1991, and half in 1995 - a proposal which errs if anything on the side of modesty. China's profoundly undemocratic draft Basic Law allows for no more than 18 to be directly elected by 1997 - a position then to be frozen for at least 10 years.

This week, Peking insisted that what it means by "convergence" between Britain and China is that "political development before 1997 has to fall in line with the Basic Law". Mr Hurd should relieve Hong Kong people of the suspicion that Britain, privately, concurs. He has said that it would be unacceptable for Britain "simply to find out what China wants and then to do it". That is an argument for going ahead now to entrench democratic rights as solidly as possible. Mr Hurd should affirm in Hong Kong that the Bill of Rights will not be diluted, and set an ambitious timetable for introducing democracy - thus compelling Peking either to assent, or to confirm its intention to suppress democracy in 1997.

Democracy will not flourish in a climate of fear. One measure of that fear is emigration. running at 1,000 a week. Mr Hurd will be told that Britain's offer of passports to 50,000 families is inadequate even as a confidencebuilding measure, never mind as a fulfilment of Britain's moral obligations. If coupled with democratic reforms, the passports - to which Peking has vociferously objected - may still help persuade Hong Kong's people that Britain. does not intend to let China dictate policy. If Mr Hurd gets that message across, he will break with the unhappy precedents set by previous "confidence-building" visits by Brit-

PAYING FOR WHAT WE GET

Few subjects arouse as much passion in this country as the argument over charging at museums. The Commons Select Committee on Education, Science and the Arts failed to reach agreement in Wednesday's report, dividing (predictably enough) on party lines. Yet the recommendation on which they disagreed sounds hardly worth debating in the first place. This was that Britain's museums and art galleries should "consider" introducing entrance fees. As the Government leaves them to decide this for themselves, it is safe to assume that most of them do "consider" it

Of the 2,300 or so art galleries and museums, it is the 19 great national institutions around which controversy mainly revolves. About a third of these now charge, most of them having taken the decision within the last five years. The Natural History, Science, and Geological Museums in Kensington all now charge, while the Victoria and Albert invites voluntary contributions. The British Museum, National Gallery, National Portrait Gallery, and the Tate are all still free. Sir David Wilson, director of the British Museum, together with his colleagues from the National Gallery and the Tate, wrote yesterday in The Times strongly arguing the case for free admissions.

None can reasonably hope to be selffinancing on the basis of revenue collected at the turnstiles. The Natural History Museum, for example, earns £1.5 million annually by charging and a total of £9 million from its own enterprises. But it needs £30 million annually to keep going. As there is a limit to what it can realistically charge, it must always depend

heavily on the Government. Like most of those which have made the big decision, the Natural History Museum has no intention of reversing it. Most of the money has been used to improve customer facilities. Better lavatories, refreshment rooms, and shops have had to be built by many museums which charge, because the public wants better value for its money. The switch from being take-us-as-you-find-us institutions to customer-orientated places of entertainment has meant a physical and philosophical trans-

Most of those which introduced charges several years ago experienced an initial drop in custom, although until they installed turnstiles at the entrance, many museums had little more than estimates of the numbers. There was also a natural inclination towards hyperbole, since high numbers indicated popularity and success. On the basis of the more precise figures now available, most have recently reported a slow rise in numbers again.

There are two important caveats. One is that not all national (still less local) institutions could rely upon regaining their lost custom. That is why the present policy is right, since it leaves trustees to make a judgement for themselves. The other is that provision must be made for those who cannot afford the full admission fee. There should be concessionary rates for children, pensioners, students, the disabled, and the unemployed. There should also be free admission at certain times. Its museums and galleries are among Britain's great resources. The purpose of charges should be to make them even better - not to drive away the young, the old, or the poor.

With these provisos, however, the principle of charging (rather less than the local cinema in most cases) is a good one. All museums and galleries should indeed "consider" it. One wonders why the MPs found it so difficult.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Meeting rise in the business rate

From the Director-General of the Confederation of British Industry Sir, Your leader, "Sound and fury" (January 4), about the new business rate missed some important questions.

Any tax which bears no relationship either to the cost and quality of the services received or the ability of the taxpayer to pay is most unlikely to be popular. So it has proved with the new uniform business rate, although some of the recent hysteria is not called

Unfortunately, the intrinsic merits of the Government's reform of the recent unsatisfactory business rating system have been masked by two fundamental errors - about which we have been warning for 18 months.

First, the Government is determined to collect substantially more from business — some £2 billion — than would be needed to meet the cost of the services it now receives from local authorities. This implies that the new business rate should be closer to 25p in the pound than 34.8p in the pound.

Secondly, the reason why the winners are keeping quiet, as you observe, is simple there are no winners. The transitional arrangements mean that no business literally - will see any substantial reduction in its rate bill in the short term, even though over 100,000 businesses legitimately expected to see their rate bills cut

There are over 500,000 businesses whose rate bill, even with transitional protection, will rise by some 27 per cent a year for the next two or three years, while among manufacturers in the North and Midlands in particular there are some severely disappointed expectations.

What the Government should now do is, at minimum, to ensure that the cost of transitional protection is met by the Exchequer, rather than by businesses that have been paying excessive rate bills for years, while the product of the uniform business rate should gradually be brought into line with the costs of the services that business receives from local government — by pegging the rate at 34.8p in the pound indefinitely. Yours faithfully,

JOHN M. M. BANHAM. Director-General Confederation of British Industry. Centre Point, 103 New Oxford Street, WC1.

From Mr A. C. Marriott Sir, Much publicity has been given to instances where the rates pay-

Sir, Researchers at the Institute of

British Geographers (report, Janu-

ary 5) have discussed the plight of

undernaid nannies and cleaners in

the South-east and berate employ-

ers who do not pay an adequate

As a South-east business couple,

my wife and I have recently

employed our fourth contented

nanny in 10 years and have always

sought advice from agencies when

setting wages. Dr Gregson quotes

£65 to £85 per week as a "disgust-

ing wage" but refers to the nannies as being teenagers — i.e., almost

certainly inexperienced.

Pay for nannies

From Mr Christopher P. Pett

return to work, such an allowance may well be essential. Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER P. PETT, 3 Preston Park Avenue,

From Miss Frances Sieber Sir, Dr Gregson, at the Institute of British Geographers' conference, refers to "nannies or au pairs" without distinction. A qualified namy has studied for usually two years post-O level and will usually work a five-day week. She cannot be confused with an au pair, who is unlikely to be qualified and works a limited number of hours per week in return for board and lodging.

In addition, the nanny will

receive accommodation, which in

London must amount to a mini-

mum of £50 per week. Their salary is accordingly available as spend-

In view of the competitive market for nannies, any employer would be foolish not to reward

fully a nanny who will otherwise

just change job with the resulting

disruption to the household and,

in particular, young children. Yours faithfully,

FRANCES SIÉBER

3/4 Berners Street, W1.

ing money.

Dr Gregson overlooks, when I would suggest that one reason for the abysmal lot of some referring to salaries of £65 to £85 a week (which, in my experience, are far lower than those currently nannies and other domestic staff is the double tax burden incurred by being paid in London) that that is the employer. Couples have to pay a net salary and the employer is nannies out of their net incom paying tax and national insurance and it sticks in the throats of many on top. A net payment of £100 per week is equivalent to salary in to have to pay a significant proportion of further tax and excess of £6,000 per annum and national health insurance on their the employer pays that out of income on which tax has already

nanny's salary. Since working inevitably in-volves additional expenses such as commuting costs, clothing, and the like, and employing a live-in nanny itself requires a larger house and involves extra living costs, it is small wonder that there is some penny-pinching around and that nannies seldom live in self-contained suites.

Company employers have the cost of essential staff as a taxallowable expense, so why should not the working couple or working single parent? If competent women with young children are to be encouraged to stay at work or

Labour's policies From Mr C. Miller

Sir, We recently published Labour's New Policies, an assessment of the party's policy plans. It was widely reported by the media, including The Times (January 5).

It is now reported (January 6, earlier editions) that the Conservatives have sought to use extracts from the report to attack the Opposition's economic policies. I feel that we should seek to strike a

Labour's New Policies is critical or sceptical about the impact of Labour's current proposals in a number of areas. The economy and trade and industry policy falls under that category. But there are

environment, transport, housing, consumer protection and parlia-mentary reform among them where Labour's plans are assessed as superior to those of the Government. Our survey was not intended to

also many areas - agriculture, the

provide quotations for politicians as much as to give food for thought to the companies and individuals to whom Labour's proposals are addressed. We hope, therefore, that parties will note the report's even-handedness before seeking only to use or take issue with selected highlights.

Yours faithfully, C. MILLER (Chief Executive), Public Policy Consultants Ltd. 50 Rochester Row, SW1.

Baltic issues

From Mr Imants Liegis Sir, Mr Gorbachov's carrot of independent consular representation overseas" for the Baltic states (leading article, January 8) is more likely to be a thorn in the flesh of these emerging indepen-

dent nations. One of Moscow's priorities for Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania is to legitimize its rule over these territories, which were annexed in 1940. The United Kingdom, together with most other Western governments, refuses to recognise

the legality of these annexations so

that in international law the Baltic states are not regarded as being part of the Soviet Union de jure. Until such time as the genuine right to self-determination is re-

stored to Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania the West should not be misled by illusions of indepen-dence on offer by Gorbachov, whether it be by way of greater autonomy within a federation or separate consular representation. Yours muly IMANTS LIEGIS. 4 Sefton Drive,

Mapperley Park,

Nottingham.

Patients' rights on medical records

From Mr Arnold Simanowitz Sir, I was delighted to see Emma Nicholson (article, December 28) raise the question of the rights of patients in relation to medical records but she has only dealt with half the problem.

The rights of patients relate not only to their right to insist on confidentiality but also to their right to see their records them selves. It is quite extraordinary that all the people Ms Nicholson mentions - data processing companies, hospital managers and their staff, drug companies and pharmacists (as well as their staff) can pore over a patient's records and see their most intimate details, whereas the persons most intimately concerned do not themselves have a right to see those records, except in a very limited way in so far as computer records are concerned.

It is clear that the rights of cess and control referred to by Ms Nicolson need addressin urgently. She and all other MPs will have the opportunity to address the former when Douglas Henderson's private member's Bill on access to medical records comes before Parliament. It seems scandalous that the latter appears to have to await the publication of a consultation paper and "the seeking of views".

Yours faithfully, ARNOLD SIMANOWITZ (Executive Director), Action for Victims of Medical

Bank Chambers, 1 London Road, Forest Hill, SE23. January 3.

From Mr M. J. Rigby Sir, Delivery of health care, from hospital treatment to community nursing, is a complex process involving several disciplines and many individuals, each of whom needs to know an appropriate part of the patient's condition. With manual records, information sharing usually falls to one of the inappropriate extremes of sharing the full record or nothing.

Computer systems enable the targeting of appropriate information only. Moreover, use of computer systems beyond their registered intentions, or misuse of the information, are criminal of-

Many major health computer systems have their own specific codes, and all district health authorities have ethical committees. At least one health authority has produced an excellent video on confidentiality. Consolidation

may be needed, but there are firm founding principles. Standards in general practice are less easy to

Miss Nicholson appears to prefer a Government-imposed computer system for general practices to a modern management choice approach. She is also wrong in thinking that the NHS number has ever been used on any scale to identify patient records, as opposed to patient registration with a

Finally, she questions the value of intended Government consultation. Most populations in the world would welcome an administration which consulted its people. There is then a shared responsibility of media, people's representatives, and individuals impartially to disseminate the issues, and without bias to report back informed opinions. Yours impartially,

M. J. RIGBY, University of Keele, Centre for Health Planning and Management Science Park. Keele, Staffordshire. December 29.

From Dr F. M. Akerman Sir, Without much discussion and certainly without general agreement, the electronic communica-tion between a GP's computer and the local executive council will soon be commonplace. The new contract starts on April I, and, among many tasks, the executive council have been given responsibility for supervising the "achievement rates" of GPs in several areas, including cervical cytology.

Collecting the relevant information for the executive council data bases requires many extra hours of practice secretarial time. Often highly sensitive information will have to be sent, especially if it is going to be necessary to justify a decision that a smear test is inappropriate. It is entirely feasible for GPs to manage these areas as a practice-based activity.

How much better it would have been to subject the proposals to adequate testing before such a hasty implementation. Instead, bureaucracy will now surely flour-ish and confidentiality will be the first casualty. Yours faithfully.

F. M. AKERMAN, The Surgery, Alma Road Romsey, Hampshire. January 5.

Science too pure? From Mr Rowland Morgan

Sir, The vast majority of engineers will be amused by David Davis's assertion (article, January 4) that select physics rather than engineering...because physics will give them more kudos and will be equally mystified by his rider that they also choose "fame rather than fortune".

What fortune? This country's failure to reward properly those who earn the nation's living is the most damaging symptom of the deep-rooted anti-engineering culture that has allowed France, Germany, USA and Japan to outstrip us in manufacturing. Our industrial competitors step up their education and training of engineers and para-engineering personnel while we allow ours to

The blame for this sorry state of

Motor anomaly

From Sir Hugh Cortazzi Sir. The Government is rightly concerned about the inflationary implications of the Ford wages dispute. One factor which reduces the pressure on both sides to exercise caution is the protection afforded by the voluntary restraint arrangement (VRA) between the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT) and the Japanese Automobile Manufac-

This arrangement requires the Japanese to limit their exports to Britain to not more than 10.8 per cent of the market in any one year. When the arrangement was en-tered into in the 1970s it was supposed to be temporary.

turers Association (JAMA).

It is high time that this VRA was ended and the British motor car industry forced to face up to international competition. The Government should call on the SMMT to withdraw from the arrangement forthwith. Yours faithfully, HUGH CORTAZZI,

90 Wood Street, EC2.

Licence for strikers From Mr R. A. Manwaring Sir, Could someone please explain

to me why people on strike Are allowed to light braziers on forecourts and pavements in our towns, polluting the atmosphere with finnes? 2. Are allowed to encourage noise

pollution by calling on people to sound their car horns unnecessar-

Museum Sir, The reason that the House of Commons Education, Science and Arts Committee took evidence on admission charges from the Science Museum (letter from Sir David M. Wilson and others, January 11) was because I picked up the telephone and asked them if they would.

Yours faithfully, NEIL COSSONS, Director, Science Museum, SW7. January 11.

last 100 years or so to promote, stimulate and sustain a creative production industry. Engineers must be prepared to enter the political arena and take their proper place in the affairs of the Politicians, on their part, must

affairs must be laid squarely at the

doors of the engineering pro-fession for it has failed over the

recognise that engineers and scientists are essential for the regeneration of our nation's industry as we enter a decade where the resolution of great political issues will be increasingly dependent upon technological advance. Yours faithfully,

ROWLAND MORGAN. University of Bristol, Department of Civil Engineering Queen's Building, University Walk, Bristol, Avon.

Fund-raising Scouts

January 5.

From Paul Stephenson Sir, During 1990, the Scout move ment is running a project called "Go for a Million". It is designed to publicise scouting and to recruit new members. Throughout the year, Scouts all over the country will be trying to spend a million nights camping, to hike a million kilometres, to collect a million 10ps for Barnardo's, etc., etc.

To begin our own involvement in the project, a group of us camped overnight on January 1, so we must be one of the first troops to log up nights under

If I am lucky enough to have this letter printed, it will not only help to draw the attention of "top" people to what Scouts are trying to achieve this year, but also earn valuable points for my patrol. Yours sincerely, PAUL STEPHENSON (Patrol Leader, 1st Radcliffe-on-Trent (Mariner) Troop).

74 Whitworth Drive, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Nottingham. 3. Are allowed to move into towns

and beg for funds as though they are a charity - when the charity days are limited and controlled? There seem to be laws for the law-abiding and non-laws for

those on strike. Yours faithfully ROBERT A. MANWARING. Lyme, Triggs Lane, Woking, Surrey. January 9.

Identifying feature

Museum charges From the Director of the Science

From Mr Ralph Gartenberg Sir, Why not a picture of Mrs Edwina Currie on our British eggs? Sincerely. RALPH GARTENBERG. Gaverne Cottage, 14 Cuckoo Hill Drive, Pinner, Middlesex. January 10.

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TIMES DIARY

NIGEL WILLIAMSON

ournalists ringing the Northern Ireland Office are to be spared the shock of hearing a Government press officer announce himself as Ian Paisley. The 23-year-old graduate, who shares the name with his father, the irrepressible MP for Antrim North, has had his job application turned down by senior civil servants. But, in an equally unlikely move, Paisley junior has landed a job as a journalist on The Irish Press, the paper founded by Eamon de Valera who, as the father of the Irish Republic, is not a name widely revered in the Paisley household.

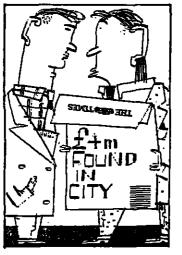
In an even worse blow to family honour, Paisley's first assignment is a 1,000-word article on the 12 things he most likes about Dublin. The only small consolation for Paisley senior is that his errant son could only come up with six.

Consultants, which found that Labour's policies would impose huge burdens on business, I learn that the sha chancellor, John Smith, has pulled out of a seminar organized by PPC and Business Magazine to give Labour the opportunity to explain its policies to a selected group of 130

But, Smith tells me, the problem is merely one of diary dates and should not be taken to imply that Labour is in any way shy of explaining its policies to the business community; in fact, says Smith, he already spends huge amounts of his time in boardrooms and at City dining tables explaining how a Labour government would get manufacturing industry on its feet again.

Pruce Kent of the CND, who embar-rassed Neil Kinnock by successfully moving a resolution calling for huge defence cuts at last year's party conference, will not, it seems, be causing further embarrassment by joining the Labour benches in the Commons. Kent tells me that he has turned down invitations to stand for Labour in two London marginal seats, Hornsey and Putney, and says "the best contribution I can make to disarmament is to continue working for CND".

BARRY FANTONI



Probably they only noticed it was missing when it came to paying for lunch'

fyou spot the Conservative backbencher Michael Mates on television looking thoughtful during Prime Minister's Questions, don't imagine he is pondering Mrs Thatcher's words of wisdom; it is much more likely that he is wrestling with the cryptic intricacies of seven across or 10 down. Last week he fulfilled one of his life's two remaining ambitions by winning The Times weekly prize crossword competition. Mates tells me that he submits about 45 entries a year, and has been doing so for years, but that this is the first time his name has been picked out of the hat. His remaining ambition, by the way, is to appear on Desert Island Discs.

ne who has already made it on to Desert Island Discs is Labour's Dennis Skinner, whose performance on the programme last weekend was one for connoisseurs to savour. Skinner, who turns down invitations to appear on the likes of Wogan on the grounds that it is "gim-micky", accepted Sue Lawley's invitation as the opportunity to make serious political points in an entertaining way.

His choice included non-political song from Barbra Streisand, Al Josson and Stevie Wonder, and a Frankie Laine number which Skinner himself used to sing as an amateur crooner on the Derbyshire pub and club circuit. But politics reappeared in a song called Daddy, What Did You Do In The Strike?, recorded by Ewan MacColl and Peggy Seeger as a tribute to Arthur Scargill and the miners during their year-

The usually comprehensive BBC record library said it did not have the record, the first line of which runs "It was in the year of 1984 when the s*** hit the fan". But Skinner is not a man to be deterred so easily; he provided his own copy. The repeat of the programme, incidentally, for readers who want to hear the ditty, is on Radio 4 this

Conor Cruise O'Brien sees little cheer for Gorbachov in Lithuania

Rendezvous at Vilnius

Gorbachov's visit to Lithuania seems incongruous: rather as if President Lincoln after Fort Sumter had gone to the state house in Charleston to address the legislature of South Carolina. It is assumed that Gorbachov expects his Lithuanian comrades to help him save face. If so, he must be a desperate man. No doubt the Lithuanian comrades would like to help Gorbachov, if

only for fear of finding some-

thing worse in power in Moscow.

But that consideration must

necessarily give way, in the context of Lithuanian secession,

Putting it more brutally, the

Lithuanian comrades will be

thinking of their own skins, not

Gorbachov's. They are at present basking in unusual - and

probably ephemeral — popular-ity, precisely as a result of their party's secession from the Soviet Communist Party. If the Lithua-

nian comrades made significant

concessions to Gorbachov, they

would be throwing away their

to local considerations.

tion, at the end of last month, issued a unilateral declaration of independence, proclaiming itself the Communist Party of Lithuania. This step does not just herald secession, as some reports suggest. It is secession. The power structure in the Soviet Union - now fast crumbling, but the only power-structure - is the Communist Party. So when the party in Lithuania set up on its own, it was taking Lithuania ont of the Soviet Union.

🥆 orbachov in Vilnius is

Jike Lenin at the Finland

Station, only in reverse. Lenin at the Finland Station, 72

years ago, represented the arrival

of communist power in the

Russian Empire. Gorbachov in

Vilnius represents the departure

of communist power from the

Gorbachov is in Vilnius at all

speaks volumes, given the circumstances. The General Sec-

retary of the Central Committee

of the Communist Party of the

Soviet Union is in Vilnius to

reason - or to plead - with what

he still regards as the Lithuanian

section of the Communist Party

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Gorbachov has allowed it to be known that he rules out the use of force to keep Lithuania in the Soviet Union. To rule out force, in the circumstances, is to

ment - wins by a landslide in the elections to the Supreme Soviet of the Soviet Union, due on February 24. (Presumably the successful Sajudis candidates will not take their seats, but will interpret their victories as elections to an independent Lithuanian parliament. There is an Irish precedent: Sinn Fein candidates for Irish seats in the United Kingdom elections of 1918 did not take their seats at Westminster but set up Dáil Eireann.) The Lithuanian comrades are unlikely to sacrifice themselves for Gorbachov, and Gorbachov is therefore unlikely to bring back any substantial concession from Vilnius to

Moscow. I believe that the disintegra-tion of the Soviet Union is now irreversible and that its pace is likely to increase after Gorbachov's return from Vilnius. I agree with "Z", the author of the important article in Daedahus.

unsalvageable. I am puzzled, however, by the author's apparent assumption that the Soviet Union will pass from communism to capitalism in one piece, albeit with great difficulty. I strongly dissent from the romantic metaphor of the conclusion (to the excerpt published): "The Soviet world's transition to normality will be a long time coming. The party, though now dyed with the hues of glasnost and democratization, will cling

What is wrong with that metaphor is the characteristically American assumption that all the poison comes from communism. In reality the bodies of nations beginning to break away from the Soviet world have plenty of poison in them anyway. It was not from Marx or Lenin that Bulgarians learned to

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new-found popularity, and an excerpt from which was hate Turks; Romanians, Hun-ensuring that Sajudis — the published on this page yesterday, garians; Georgians, Ossetians; Lithuanian nationalist move-that Soviet communism is Azeris, Armenians; and vice Azeris, Armenians; and vice versa in all cases. Nor was it from Marx and Lenin that Muslims and Christians, or Orthodox and Catholics, learned to hate one another. With certain major exceptions

— mainly in Stalin's last years the Soviet system, and the Marxist-Leninist ideology which served it as a means of communication and as a discipline, effectively discouraged the expression of national, ethnic and religious animosities; even antireligious animosity has been discouraged for many years. Glasnost, by allowing political nationalism to find its voices, blew the Soviet Union apart. For some, but not all, of those in the process of ceasing to be

Soviet citizens, this is a happy outcome. The Baltic republics seem likely to become working democracies and, in due course, members of the European Community. The future of the rest of the Soviet Union is much

more doubtful. The disintegration is bound to be an untidy, painful process. In each potentially independent republic there are substantial ethnic minorities - like the Armenians in Azerbaijan, or indeed the Russians in Lithuania. These are likely to emigrate or be forced out, bloodily in some cases. As the process develops, nationalist passions will rise, often accompanied by religious acrimony. Intolerant right-wing parties will find conditions favourable to them, not least in Russia itself. Stable democracies are quite unlikely anywhere to the south and east of the Baltic republics, within the Soviet Union.

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The 1990s will see, in Europe, a situation more like the 1890s than most of the 20th century. A united and mighty Germany will be looking eastward into a vast zone of instability, but also of opportunity, mainly economic, but political also. Already last week a headline in the Frankfurter Allgemeine read "Russia's Germans will no longer be ignored". We are likely to hear more along those lines.

Contemplating those prospects, with their explosive possi-bilities, I could wish that Gorbachov succeeds in his mission in Vilnius, and begins to check the disintegrating processes. But I fear that is most unlikely.

Bernard Levin on a curious case that is having trouble emerging from a Scotland Yard pending file

Justice under a blue cloud

et us make ourselves comfortable. No tight clothing, a favourite armchair, perhaps a drink in band. The cat may be curled up nearby. Music? Yes, but nothing too grave; possibly one or two of the unaccompanied cello suites of Bach. Lights not too bright, but nothing that could be called gloomy. Above all, we must be relaxed.

Right, then; the scene is set. In this peaceful mood, so conducive to musing upon fate and similar subjects, let us summon up a sense of wonder, even of awe, and contemplate the life, career and future of Police Constable David Judd. PC Judd recently figured in a

remarkable case; it was remarkable for several reasons, each of which I shall touch upon. The first is that he has established a new record for damages awarded against the police, and he did not merely smash the record - he doubled it. The previous highest figure anywhere in this country feasance was £50,000; Judd has upped it to exactly twice as much a full hundred grand. (You may be tempted to say that such a record will never be surpassed. Don't be so sure.) His present record is not only

large, but dramatic. The huge sum was paid to a Mr Rupert Taylor, a gentleman of - ahem - colour. PC Judd had arrested him in Notting Hill - it is not clear why - and at the station our neighbourhood bobby had him strip-searched and subjected him to verbal abuse, though not physical assault (ah, monsieur, quelle delicatesse!). Then he produced some cannabis, announced that it was Mr Taylor's, and booked him for possessing illegal drugs.
Alas, Mr Taylor turned out to

be a non-smoking, tectotal, laypreacher BBC engineer on his way to play dominoes with a friend; a man quite uncannily unlikely to be in the habit of rolling a joint. He was, under-standably, acquitted when his case came up, and he then brought a suit against the Met. The result was £10,000 for wrongful arrest, £20,000 for malicious prosecution, and £70,000 as exemplary damages to mark the gravity of PC Judd's behaviour.

o far, so good; replenish your drink and give the cat another sardine, and we shall continue. It now transpires that only a week before the Taylor judgment a more modest sum (£3,500) by way of damages, for a very Mr Lee. On this occasion, no fewer than four officers were involved, but you will be interested to hear that PC Judd was one of them. (I can find no information about Mr Lee's trade; perhaps he was a distinguished brain surgeon, or the captain of a lifeboat.)

Now it gets even more in-teresting. On the Notting Hill beat there have been a series of cases, over a number of years, involving prosecutions for possessing drugs which have ended in acquittal of the person charged. That is, a jury has decided that the accused did not have in their possession the drugs that were said by the police to have been found on them; rack my brain as I will, I cannot understand, then, how the cannabis got into their pockets. (It can't, for instance, have fallen off a lorry.) Incidentally, at the time of this writing, PC Judd had not yet been suspended, nor had it been decided whether disciplinary proceedings were to be taken against him, though more than a month has passed since the case, with its damages, ended.

Well, well, well, well. Just

as Mr Taylor was getting his damages (you can buy a lot of dominoes for £100,000), it was announced that Mr Geoffrey Dear, until now Chief Constable of the West Midlands, is to join the Inspectorate of Constabulary, in an impressively high position; his remit is to improve public relations and the quality of the service of the police, not necessarily in that order. Mr Dear, you may recal chief constable who recently felt obliged to disband his Serious Crime Squad, some members of which appeared to have quite misunderstood the meaning of their unit's name, being convinced that their job was to commit serious crimes.

Let us go back to the damages awarded to our hero's cleanliving victim. He had not been beaten, and it is very unlikely that a man of his quality would have lost the respect accorded to him by his friends, colleagues and neighbours, merely for being prosecuted but acquitted. In



other words, the £100,000 award was, and was intended to be, not just compensatory, but salutary. There is an analogy here, and few will fail to spot it. Some of the huge damages awarded in recent libel actions against newspapers have clearly been given not so much against the defendants, for damage to their reputation, but as a general condemnation of the Press in general and the tabloids in particular. Crimine ab uno,

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papers are notten, dishonest and full of lies, which is plainly nonsense. But that belief, however unfair, should make newspapers seek urgent ways of correcting the false impression.

before it becomes so deep-rooted that it can never be erased. And something like that seems to be happening to the police. It is no use their parroting the old excuse: it's only a few rotten apples in the barrel. The public is rapidly becoming convinced though unjustly - that the barrel is filled with rotten ones. And so far from it being assured that the

hunt for the rotten ones, be then many or few, is being pursued with due diligence, it sees Scotland Yard flapping a himp hand when asked whether PC Judd is to be subject to disciplinary proceedings, and declaring that it is too soon to say.

Because here is where the analogy breaks down. It would be a pity if the public continued to believe that every newspaper was as bad as the worst, but a pity cannot damage the fabric of our society. If the public is convinced that the police as a whole are corrupt and crooked, and cannot be disabused of that conviction, then we are in very serious trouble. For when the scent from the West Midlands Serious Crime Squad mingles with that from Notting Hill, it will take a great deal more than a public relations exercise to make the result smell like jasmine.

f course there must be safeguards to ensure justice for officers accused or under suspicion; disciplinary proceedings are a parallel to a trial. But there is no possible excuse for the failure of his superiors, the instant Mr Taylor's award was announced in the court, to make a statement declaring that PC Judd was suspended from all duties until the appropriate tribunal was set up; and that public declaration should? have been combined with a private message to PC Judd that he may have missed his vocation, and if he wished to resign from the force be put in his way.

If the public's confidence in

the police is lost, I cannot see how it can be regained. And if it is not regained, the damage to our entire way of life would be immense, so vital is the need for a force which can be relied upon; by which I mean one that does not contain officers whose actions lead to a court case costing the Met £10,000 for wrongful arrest, £20,000 for malicious prosecution, and £70,000 as a mark of disapproval of the police in general.

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Salman Rushdie and the short arm of the law

Robert Kilroy-Silk asks the DPP to take action on Muslim threats hothead, a dimwit, attempted to even been given an air of

hy is the Director of Public Prosecutions taking so long to decide whether to prosecute those Muslims who have called publicly for Salman Rushdie to be murdered? What can he be afraid of? It has been more than three months since Dr Kalim Siddiqui called for Rushdie's death at a meeting in Manchester. Others, many others, have made the demand before and since. Only last month, the priest of the Jamia Mosque in Birmingham said: "Islamic law says he should be killed. I agree with that." There is, then, no doubt about

where many Muslims stand on the issue. The question is whether such demands constitute a criminal offence. The burden of the demands is such that the DPP should at least look seriously at what has been said. Section 4 of the 1861 Offences Against the Person Act. as amended by section 5 (10) of the Criminal Law Act, 1977, says in effect that whosoever shall solicit, encourage, persuade or

propose to any person he murder any other person, whether he be a subject of Her Majesty or not... shall be guilty of a mis-demeanour and, being con-victed, they shall be liable to imprisonment for life. My dictionary defines "so-

licit" as to "provoke, to stir up to action". Whatever weasel words some fanatics now employ in order to retain their reputation as militant Muslims while escaping the full consequences of English law, there can be no doubt about the fact that they want Rushdie dead. They have also "provoked" and "stirred up" others to take the same view. There have been frequent and repeated calls for Rushdie's death at large, emotion-racked and sometimes riotous public meetings of Muslims in this country. Many have been attended by the young and impressionable, and it would be surprising if at least some had not been provoked or stirred up by the inflammatory language to which they had been exposed.

The placards proudly carried through British streets screaming "Kill Kill Kill" demonstrate the effects of such provocation. So does the statement of 14-yearold Mohammed Omi, who stepped out of the meeting at the Jamia Mosque last month to announce that: "He should be killed, but I'm not old enough to do it. When I'm 20 or 21 I would kill him." This boy has obviously been provoked and stirred up by the ranting of the mullahs. But that is not surprising It

would be amazing if they did not feel like that after the elders of the Muslim faith asserted that Rushdie had gravely insulted Islam and that the slur could be removed only by his death. It would not be surprising if, after the frenzy that has been whipped up, some would-be hero, a

take the law into his own hands. He would know that whatever the British law might say or do, he would be thought a hero, a historic figure, a person to be

applauded by his co-religionists. Since the provocation, stirring up, persuasion and encourage ment of such men into this way of thinking is an offence, those causing the provocation must be charged. There can be no equivocation and no backing down. It is far too important to allow any room for cringing, wringing of hands or com-promise. There can be no place here for appearement.

The campaign against Salman Rushdie that is being waged by some Muslims, with its intimidation and intolerance, is nasty and offensive. It has not been sufficiently vigorously opposed by those who believe in - and depend upon - the maintenance of decent civilized values. It has

respectability and justification by the craven attitude of some of the feebler members of the Labour Party.

The result is that many Muslims now feel not only that the politics of the mob, of bullying and intimidation, are acceptable, but that they are effective. They feel that they can act with impunity, that they can win.

It may be that they can. There seem to be so many cowards in the ranks of those who should be defending free speech and the rule of law that the Muslim fundamentalists can trample over both without difficulty. This must not be allowed to

continue. The most minor traffic offender, the petty thief, even the litter bug, is, quite rightly, sub-ject to the law and hauled before the courts. Those who knowingly incite others to consider committing murder should be treated in the same way.

consequences for race relations. These will have to be faced. We cannot pick and choose which laws to apply. We certainly cannot play the game of turning a blind eye to the law when its application is considered to be offensive to a particular group. If we do, there will be no rule of law at all. The non-enforcement will be a signal of weakness, a sign that the government and law officers have no guts and lack the courage to defend the rule of law. If we cannot defend the rule of law, what can we be trusted with? Failure to act now would be tacitly to condone a campaign for the death of a writer. If that is allowed, then other lesser forms of intimidation will also be thought permissible.

The Director of Public Prosecutions has the opportunity to call a halt to this slide now. He must take it. If he does not, then be will share responsibility for the consequences. Let us hope that these will not include Salman Rushdie's death.

The trouble with straws in the wind is that anyone spotting a percentage in gleaning them might well end up with enough to make a brick. And a brick in the wind is, as any metaphonician will tell you, a very different kettle of fish. As I write this, I have before me a heart-warming photograph of a woman with a telephone in her hand, and a little girl on her knee. The woman is smiling, and the child is waving. An ordinary enough materfamilial vignette you will say, provided you can summon the requisite pomposity. but that is because you do not know the half of it. The half of it is that this winsome snapshot is not ordinary at all; it is, in fact, the photograph of a video-telephone screen, and the other half of it, therefore, is that, somewhere, on another video-telephone screen to which this one is connected, there will be a complementary

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Which suddenly makes it a mite less heart-warming for something chill has begun to creep up an artery. Not, of course, that Taurus Business Systems of Thurnby think so: Taurus Business Systems of Thurnby believes its video-telephone to be "the most exciting communications device of the 1990s" (a startlingly confident claim, given the infancy and the strong likelihood that well before 1999 the Japanese will have perfected an egg capable of entertaining you with a hologram projection of Hoagy Carmichael singing Stardust while you wait for it to boil).

There is, however, no gainsaying Taurus's further claim, likewise taken from the elegant leaflet they sent me as a potential customer, that "communications will never be the same again". In the electronics war, retreat is unknown, and if the video-phone catches on it will never catch off. These days, not only is nonnecessity the mother of invention; indispensability is its grandchild. Especially with telephones. You have only to travel Inter-City: the carriage is a horizontal phone booth. Every time the train lurches, 200 people squawk: "Hallo, hallo, are you still there?" A few years ago, this would have been a successful revue song.



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A few years ahead, the scenario will be immeasurably ghastlier. Yesterday I rang Taurus - as yet invisibly, so that when the chap said video-phones were really catching on fast, I could not tell

whether or not he was looking me square in the eye. But I give him the benefit of the doubt, because I know that my doubt has always ended up as somebody's benefit.

All I have to do is to say: "Desktop computers, don't make me or "People walking around with stereos on their heads, pull this one!" for the Nikkei average to leap 1.000 points.

Thus, though it now costs £994.75 to buy two video-telephones able to transmit talking pictures to each another, and though very few people have them, very soon it will cost £11.99, and everyone will have them. "Why is this Luddite dingbat

boon?" you will even now be crying. "Does he not want to be able to blow kisses at his distant loved ones while he is celebrating the closure of his deal with Happitrash Novelties (Kyoto) Inc?" Well, possibly, depending perhaps on whom I am celebrating it with at the Kyoto end, but are we still so green that we cannot see the iron truth in the velvet marketing? Con the leaflet deeper: "Use this video to see goods for sale, to choose a photographic model for an

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assignment, or to see new products in three dimensions." No need. I feel, to dot i's and cross t's, where the conjunction of

eyes and tease is only too apparent. The phone rings, unbidden, in 1996, and who is this but a man in a camel-hair coat offering me a double-glazed Skoda loft extension, or a fabulous chance to win a sun-soaked weekend on the Gdansk Riviera? If, that is, it is not ravishing Sharon Chatline murmuring to me from her delightful leatherette boudoir?

Nor is it merely exploitative intrusion we have to fear the present telephone's infirmity is its greatest boon, it cannot see us when we cover the mouthpiece and concoct excuses, she's not here right now, I have mumps, we're going to be in Mongolia that night, the cheque went off yes-terday ... What will you do in 1996, stick a hand over the lens while you prevaricate and lie?

The possibilities are endless shrieks the Taurus leaflet. Well, yes; and the probabilities?

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DALBY - On January 10th, Robert. Cmdr. R.N. (Retd.), aged 88. husband of Mercia and father of Rosamond, John and Valla. grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral Service at St. Edward's Church, Castle Donington on Tuesday January 16th at 3 pm, Family flowers enly please.

DON'S Annie, late of Appley Lane. Nottingham. aged 76 years. Funeral Service and cremation at Wilford Hill Crematorium, Nottingham. on Friday January 19th at 9.15 am. All enquiries to The Nottingham Co-operative Funeral Service, tel: (0602) 785171.

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EDOOWES - On January 9th,
suddenly and peacefully at
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Thursday January 25th at
11.30 am. followed by
cremation. Family flowers
only. Donations in lieu to
The Children's Society.
ELIAS - On January 10th
1990, peacefully at home in
St. John's Wood. London.
Reginald Marcus. much cremation at St Marylebone Crematorium. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund.

PROCTER - On January 10th 1990, at Manormoad Clergy Home. Hinthead, Surrey, Kenneth Stuart M.A. Dunhelm Priest. Dear husband of Ruth and beloved brother of Marjorie and Molife. 55 years of active ministry. Greek scholar, musician and composer, chest player. Service in Manormoad Chapel on Wednesday January 17th at 2 pm. No flowers player. Donations, if desired, to Shelter. Good in life, gentle in death. Dei Gratia.

RUSLENG - On January 9th 1990, in Dutwich Hospital. Bertram Macharen (Mac), aged 73. The funeral is arranged to take place on Thursday January 25th 1990 at West Norwood Cremelorium at 2 pm. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, to The Royal Association for the Deaf. Esquirtes E.L. Wicks & Son, tet: 01-274 2364.

SAMDLAMB - On January 9th, at Charing Cross Hospital. after an illness borne with dignity and great courtspe.

1990. peacefully at home in St John's Wood. London. Restinaid Marcus. much loved musband of Anita and Richard.

FERGISON - On January 10th, suddenly but peacefully at his home in Studiand. Colonel Kenneth du Bols Ferguson D.S.O.. T.D., D.L. High Sheriff of the county of Dorset 1986-87. Denry loved husband of Pauline. Falher of Christopher. Michael and Sarah, grandfather of Erika and Kenneth. Funeral at St Nicholas Church. Studiand. on Monday January 15th. 2.30 pm. Fandly Bowers only Diease, any donations can be made to the British Heart Foundation. c/o James Smith. 60A Kinos Road. Swanage. Dorset Bill 9 HR. A Memorial Service will be held in Studiand on Wednesday February 21st at 12 noon.

FOGES - On January 11th, Joe. aged 46 years, peacefully in hospital after a very brave fight against cancer. Dearly loved son of Lotte and the late Ernest Foges, dear husband of Harriet and much loved and loving father of Curistopher. Nalasha, Harry and Clare. Service at Colders Green Crematorium. Wednesday January 17th at 1.50 pm. Alt enquiries to James Cook Ltd. (01) 624-2288. SARBLAND - On January 9th, at Charing Cross Hospital, after an illness borne with dignity and great courage, Jacqueline Marie-Theress (ofe Gauthier), dearest wife of Mike and beloved mother of James. Peter and Thomas. Funeral Service at 12 mon on Friday January 19th at the United Reformed Church. Jessopp Road. Norwich, followed by cremation at the City of Norwich. Gartham) Crematorium at 1 pm. Flowers or donations. If desired, to Bone Marrow Transplant Abpeal. c/o Peter Taylor Funeral Services, 85 Unthank: Road. Norwich. SCISPHAM - On January 10th 1990, at home in Norwich. John O.B.E. aged 85. Father of Peter and Ann. Funeral grivate.

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FULTON On January 10th
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Mary Futton. Dear wife of
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Heather. Anne and Mary and
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Service at Mortonhall
Crematorium. Edinburgh, on
January 13th at 10 am.
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GRSANE - On January 9th,
peacefully at Amersham
General Hospital. Regizaki
David. Beloved husband of
Anne and father of CuraAnne. Funeral Service to be
held at SI Aldan's R.C.
Chorch. Little Chalfont, on
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with the wishes of the family, the Memorial Service for Elizabeth Bradshaw at Ludgrove this month will not now take place. SUB - R.G. A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Rutherford Graham (Ford) lien. Headmaster of Trent Trainsspring for the int or Rutherford Graham (Ford) Jisin. Headmaster of Trent College from 1936-1968. will be held in the Chapel at Trent College on Saturday February 10th 1990 at 11.30 am. Further details obtainable from John Shellon. President O.T. Society - 01 642 9180. Cambridge. (0223) 833463. KONNETAMM - On January 10th, peacefully in the Royal Free Hospital, Ernst, aged 87 years, husband of Hilda and father of Jackle, Funeral at 12 moon, Sunday January 12 moon, Sunday January 14th at Goldert Green IN MEMORIAM --PRIVATE Grenatorium. No flowers.
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Though he had not published a novel for many years Thomas Hardy was still writing poetry into extreme old age, poems which have been widely admired. His askes were buried in Poets' Corner, Westminster Abbey, but his heart lies in Stinsford churchyard. The main Times obituary described him as "the greatest writer of his time".

THOMAS HARDY

The death of THOMAS HARDY in his 88th year closes a life that has a touch of the heroic in its long span, its unquenchable creative force, and its unflinching artistic sincerity.

To contrast the criticisms levelled at "Tess of the D'Urbervilles" and "Jude the Obscure" in the nineties of the lest century with the universal homage that was paid to HARDY in his latter days, when he was received into the Order of Merit and the appearance of a new volume of verse or even a brief poem was greeted as a national boon, is to realize that he fought his way to the place he gained in the loving esteem of his countrymen only by prolonged patience

and course A facile popularity, had he been capable of wishing for it, he never could have won. His philosophy, no abstract or dilettunte theorizing, but an energetic conviction permeating his work from first to last, was too stem and melancholy to rouse flip-pant applause. He had embraced with

sad-eyed acquiescence the meta-physical doctrine of SCHO-PENHAUER and VON HART-MANN, that the life of man is the product and the wind-driven derelict of a blind Will, immanent in the Universe, but careless, because unconscious, of human happiness or human progress. It is a form of ressimism less than any other likely to tempt the cheerful genius of these islanders; neither the sour cynicism of SCHOPENHAUER nor the pe-dentic wofulness of a HARTMANN stirs our admiration. HARDY nevertheless succeeded, not in converting many to his view of life, but in extorting respect for his interpreta-tion of it, and he succeeded by virtue of a personal quality in himself, remote from cynicism or pedantry.

That quality is not hard to detect.

A keener examination shows that his was really the tragic, not the nistic, outlook. Pensimism whether frivolous or gloomy, involves men and women in the disparaging verdict it passes on their blind Creator. The tragic perception is alive to the fortitude and nobility with which they confront the blows rained on them by uncomprehending

In HARDY's vision they are as impotent as puppets, but not as trilling. As a critic has finely said: "If he sees the littleness, he sees also the greatness". And to see and faithfully to record that greatness through a long lifetime of meditation and imaginative struggle, to perceive the love and pity and valour that glorify doomed humanity, is in itself an exercise of high courage. It draws the poison from pessimism, and in the end rewards the pessimist himself, as a rule, with some fugitive hope that humanity may, after all, be not irrevocably doomed.

Birth and Death notices may be accepted over the telephone.

MANDER - On January 9th, auddenty. Owen Jackson, aged 82. of Burwash, East Sussex, formerty Rosson-wye and Teignmouth. Dearest father and friend to Bridget and Allan and grandfather to Kety and Matthew. Furnity flowers only, enquiries and doastions if deared to British. Heart Foundation, c/o C. Waterhouse & Sons, High Street. Burwash, East Sussex, tel: (0435) 882219.

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Dr Anthony James Scholl, a lecturer since 1984, has become professor of pure mathematics in the department of mathematical sciences.

Wates
Dr A. C. Newby, senior lecturer in the
department of cardiology at the
University of Wales College of Medicine, Cardiff, has been promoted to the
grade and title of reader from January

Dr Alastair Spence, reader in the school of mathematical sciences, has been promoted to a personal chair in numerical analysis.

Grants from research councils amounted to nearly £3 million in the 1988/89 financial year, out of a total university income of £57 million. Among new grants received were:

Agricultural and Food Research Council: £115,570 to Professor H G Dickinson to study the role of the S-linked and S-related gene products in the regulation of the pollen stigms interaction and in the expression of self-incompatibility in brassics.

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Science and Engineering Research Council: £265,932 to Dr P Hollins to research the reflection-absorption infin-red spectroscopy using synchrotron radiation; £96,148 to Professor K. Warwick, Dr K Z Karam and Dr D A Keating (cybernetics) for a teaching company between the university and Plint and Partners, £87,057 to Professor B P Moulden (psychology) to study the integration on spatially distributed image features.

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£595,874 net. Marguerite Dane, of Cambridge, left estate valued at £496,892 net. She left half the estate to Dr Barnardo's, and a quarter each to the National Children's Home Home and Royal London Society for

Mr Marcelli Shaw, of Chelsea, ophthalmic surgeon, left estate valued at £1,249,736 net. Mr Eric James Keeble, of York, left estate valued at £962,092 net. After bequests totalling £30,000 he left half the residue to charities offering relief to

persons suffering from mental dis-orders and half to charities dealing with the Services, as the executor select Other estates include (net, before tax

Mrs Irene Constance Ray, of Jesmond, Tyne and Wear£676,910.

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The purpose of the meeting is to consider and, it thought fit, to pass an extraordinary resolution to consent to an amendment to the Trust Deed.

In general terms, the amendment will enable the Company to lease to Trizec Equities Limited a par-cel of land of approximately 22.000 square leef owned by the Company on the corner of Hollis and Salter Streets, in Haldar, Nova Scotia. The lease will be for a term ending on April 30, 2037, with such other terms and conditions as the Company considers expedient. The tenant's leasehold interest in this parcel of land will be free and clear from the lien and charge of the Trust Deed. The amendment will also authorize the Trustee to execute a Supplemental Trust Deed and to take all other action required to give full effect to the amendment.

This notice is being advertised to give notice to the holders of bearer coupon Bonds, including all the holders of Series AA Bonds, which were issued in that form only. A holder of bearer coupon Bonds wishing to attend and vote at the meeting must either produce the Bonds at the meeting or deposit the Bonds with a bank or trust company, which will sign a voting certificate that the holder an obtain from the Company, the Trustee or the Bank of Montreal in London, England (the paying agent for the Series AA Bonds.) A voting certificate will emitte the person named in it to attend and vote at the meeting or to complete a form of proxy to enable some other person to represent holders at the meeting. The Company will pay the reasonable charges of any bank or frust company accepting Bonds for deposit. Holders of bearer coupon Bonds may obtain voting certificates, a form of proxy and the regulations for the meeting made by the Trustee by calling or writing as follows:

The Company
1505 Barrington Street P.O. Box 880, Halifax, Nove Scotia, B3J 2W3
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Central Guaranty Trust Company, Trustee

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LEGAL NOTICES

July at Springbok Farm tation Centre, Alford, Sus 17th October at Trinity Tower Hill, EC3.

SERVICES LIMITED
Notice is hareby given. Dursmant
to Section 98 of the insolvency
Act 1986, that a Meeting of the
Creditors of the above named
Company will be held at 8 Baker
Street. London WIM 1DA on
17th January 1990 at 11 OG am
for the purposes mentioned in
Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the
sets Act.
A list of the names and addresses
of the company's creditors will be A list of the names and address of the company's creditor's will available for inspection free charge at 140 Brompton Ros London Sw3 1HY on 15th at 16th Jignayy 1990. Dated titls 22nd day of December 1999 Boserd

P. Lukes Director

01-832 5620 By Order of the Board
P Lukas Director

By THE MATTER OF THE
RYSOLVENCY ACT 1986
AND RY THE MATTER OF
DATAPHONE ELECTRONNOS
LIMITED IN LQUIDATION)
Take notice, that by Order of the
High Court of Justice deled 11
December 1989 the undersigned
Heigh Neimes of Haines Wats Insolvency Services. Sterling
House, 166-175 Fairtham Road,
Slough, S.1, 4UZ was appointed
Liquidator of the above named
Company without a Liquidation
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Committee

I do not propose calling a meeting
of the company's creditors to establish a Liquidation Committee.

Under Section 141 insolvency
Act 1986 the Liquidation shall
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requested to do so by one tenth th
value of the company's creditors,
Dated this 5th day of
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PARESH RAMANBHAI PATEL
Of "Carlands" Watford Road,
Northwood. Middlesex.
I. John Colin Mannin Bishop, of
Cark Cully. Shelley House, 3 Noble Street. London ECZY TDO.
HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I
have been duly appointed Trustee
of the above natmed Bankrup! at a HOLS/FLTS Cyprus Greece Mai-ta Spain Morocco, Panworld/ Greekerama Travel Lid. 734 2562 ABTA 32990 ATOL 1438 the Street. London ELST 1200.

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Dated this 8th day of January 1990 Nigel John Hamilton-Smith Lightcolor

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IN THE MATTER OF ARBOTHOUSE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LTD

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986 in accordance with Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, ket in David Goodman. F.C.A. a Licensed insolvency Practitioner of Messia. Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 East-loam Curtis

Liquidator
Leonard Curtis & Co
Chartered Accountants
PO 8ox 555
30 Eastbourne Terrace
London W2 SUF IN THE MATTER OF CHESS HOUSE PROPERTIES LIMITED AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1996 to accordance with Rule 4 106 of the Insolvency Rules 1756 notice is berety given that I. Keith David Goodman. FCA. a Licensed insolvency Practitioner of Messauler of Practitioner of Messauler of Practitioner of Messauler of the American Curits & Co.. 30 East-bourner ferrace. London W2 6LF, was appointed Liquidalor of the above Company by the members and creditors on 5th January 1990. 1990. Daied this 5th day of January 1990 Keith David Goodman, FCA

Liquidator Leonard Curtis & Co Phartered Accountants O Box 553 O Eastbourne Terrace Under 1 30 Eastbourse Terrace London W2 6LF IN THE MATTER OF WILLOW FILMS LIMITED AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986 INSDLVENCY RULES 1996 in accordance with Rule 4.106 of the insolvency Rules 1996 notice is hereby given that I, Stephen Daniel Swaden. FCA, a Liceosed Insolvency Practitioner of Mesers. Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF, was appointed Liquidalor of the above Company by the members and creditors on 5th January 1990.

990. Mird this 5th day of Snuary 1990 Rephen Daniel Swaden, FCA Japakstor Agustator Agustator Accessionia Thartered Accessionia Chartered Accountants
PO Box 563
SO Eastbourne Terrace
London W2 6LF

IN THE MATTER OF WILLOW FILMS LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above named company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required on or before the 16th day of February 1990, to send in their full forenames and surname, their adverses and descriptions full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any) to the undersigned Stephen Daniel Swalen FCA. Leonard Curits & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 SLF, the Liquidator of the 38d Company, and, if so required by potice in writing from the said Company, and, if so required by potice in writing from the said.

ADVISA SERVICES LIMITED (FORMERLY PROFESSIONAL NETWORKS LIMITED)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 48 of the lissolventy Act 1986, that a incelling of the unsecured creditors of the above named company will be held at the City Conference Centre, 76 Mark Lane, Lundon ECSR 7.1M. on Tuesday 30 January 7.1M. on Tuesday 30 January

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1990 at 11.30 ann. 1 2 noon on Monday 29 January 1990, details in writing of the debt that he chains to be due to him from the chains to be due to him from the company and the Calon has been duly admitted under the provisions of the Insolvency Rules 1996 and there has been lodged with the Joint Administrative Receivers at Defotte Hashims & Sells, PO Box 207. 128 Queen Victoria Street. Londom ECAp
40X. prior to the meeting any Victoria Street. London a 4JX. prior to the meeting proxy which the creditor in to be used on his behalf. Deted: 8 January 1990 T.R. Harris Administrative Receiver

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IN THE MATTER OF

THE PROLVENCY ACT 1986

and

IN THE MATTER OF

DEED BEST LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY CIVEN

PURPAGEN ACT. 1986. That a MEET
ING of the CREDITORS of the

shove named company will be
held at 4 Charterbouse Square.

London ECIM GEN on Monday

16th January 1990 at 12.00 noon

for the purposes mentioned in

Section 99 et seq of the said Act.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN

that Terence John Roper, FIPA.

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Section of the said Act who will

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Dated 9th day of January 1990

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COURT CIRCULAR

KENSINGTON PALACE January 11: The Princess of Wales visited Thomas Coram Foundation's Mobile Team in Camden.

Viscountess Campden and ieutenant Commander Patrick Jephson, RN were in attendance

Birthdays today

Mr Anthony Andrews, actor, 42; Mr Ernest Armstrong, former MP, 75; Mr Michael Aspel, broadcaster, 57; Sir Charles Ball, company director, 66; Mr H.G.H. Barratt, trades unionist, 85; Lord Boardman, 71; Mr P.W. Botha, former South Af-rican president, 74; Sir James Bottomley, diplomat, 70; Air Vice-Marshal S.O. Bufton, 82; the Hon Sir Richard Butler, former president, National Farmers Union, 61, Mr James Byam Shaw, art historian, 87; Miss Stella Cunliffe, statistician, 73; Mr Brendan Foster, athlete, 42; Mr Joe Frazier, boxer, 46; Mr Eric Heffer, MP, 68; Miss Anne Howells, concert and opera singer, 49; Lord Justice McCowan, 62; Mr Denys Milne, former managing director, BP Oil, 64; Mr James Mortimer, former general secretary, Lab-our Party, 69; Mr Des O'Connor, entertainer, 58; Sir John Rennie, former governor-gen-eral, Mauritius, 73; Sir Terence Streeton, diplomat, 60; Mr Jus-tice Swinton Thomas, 59.

Service dinners

RAF Supply Branch The RAF Supply Branch held a guest night last night at the RAF Staff College, Bracknell, in hon-our of Air Vice-Marshal R.C. Allerton, retiring Director-General of Supply. Wing Commander J.J. Cooke presided and Air Chief-Marshal Sir Brendan Jackson, Air Member for Supply and Organization, also spoke. Air Marshal Sir Frank Holroyd. Rear-Admiral D. Allen, Rear-Admiral D.M. Pulvertaft and Mr T. Knapp were the principal

HQ RAF Support Command Wing Commander J. Young presided at a dining-in-night given by Officers of HQ RAF Support Command and RAF Brampton last night in Brampton Park Officers' Mess to mark the retirement of Air Commodore M.C. Darby. Air Vice-Marshal M.J.C.W. Dicken also

Dinner

The Lord Mayor entertained at dinner at the Mansion House last night the members of the Court of Common Council, the Lord Mayor of Westminster, Mayors and Leaders of the Greater London Boroughs, Aldermen, High Officers of the Corporation of London and Ward Clerks of the City of London. The speakers were the Lord Mayor, the Lord Mayor of Westminster and the Chief Commoner. Sir Ralph Perring and Mr Richard Page. MP, were among the other guests.

L.A. Wingfield

The Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators of the City of London announces that a Memorial Service for its late Founder Member and Clerk, Liveryman L.A. Wingfield, MC, DFC, will be held at St Mi-chael's Church, Cornhill, on January 23, 1990 at noon.

Forthcoming marriages

Sir Bernard Ashley and Madam Regine Burnell The engagement is announced between Sir Bernard Ashley, of 43 Rue Ducale, Brussels, and Madame Regine Burnell, also of Brusseis. The marriage will take place in the summer.

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Mr H.G. D'Oyly and Miss A.F.E. White The engagement is announced between Hadley Gregory, only son of Sir Nigel D'Oyly, Bt and the late Mrs Dolores D'Oyly, of Crowhurst, Sussex, and Annette Frances Elizabeth, youngest daughter of Major and Mrs Michael White, of Farnham

Royal, Buckinghamshire. Mr C.W.F. Hayward and Miss M.C. Gray and Miss M.C. Gray
The engagement is announced between Charles William Francis, younger son of Sir Anthony and Lady Hayward, of Dane Street House, Chilham, Kent, and Michele Clare, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Nigel Gray, of Hunters Vane, Touchen End, Berkshire.

Mr D.J. Aarenberg and Miss L.J. Aaren The engagement is announced between David Jeffrey, only son of Mr Sidney Aaronberg and the late Mrs Yvonne Aaronberg.

stepson of Mrs Irene Aaronberg, and Linda Jeanette. only daugh-ter of Mr Leslie Aaronson and the late Mrs Freda Aaronson. stepdaughter of Mrs Ruth Авгольоп. Mr D.H. Barrow and Miss V.J. Branch

The engagement is announced between David Hugh, son of Mr and Mrs Robert Barrow, of East Haddon, Northampton-shire, and Vanessa Julie, elder shire, and Vanessa Julie, elder Porthcawl, Mid-Glamorgan, and Fiona Branch, of Boughton, Northamptonshire.

Mr H.P.E. Barton

Bon of Will Edward Pearley, of Wid-Glamorgan, and Fiona daughter of Dr David and Dr Elisabeth David, of Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire. Mr H.P.E. Barton and Dr F.H. Emrys-Roberts

The engagement is announced between Henry, only son of Commander Peter Barton, RN and the late Mrs Susan Barton, of Putney, London, and Frances Helen, youngest daughter of Dr and Mrs Meyrick Emrys-Roberts, of Motcombe, Shaftesbury, Dorset.

Major S.P.M. Blyth and Miss D.J. Cameron
The engagement is announced between Major Seymour Blyth, and Miss N.J. Angel
the Royal Anglian Regiment, The engagement is announced between Mark David, elder son between Mark David, elder son Mr and Mrs Walter

and Miss H.StC. Windus daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Windus, of Edburton, West Sussex.

Spring Term begins today. Continuing as Head Prefects: Mat-thew Richardson and Lorraine

Houston. Half Term February

16 to 19: Midlands Cross-

Country Championships at Bedstone, March 2, Musical

Production (over 80 in the cast):

Joseph and his Amazing Techni-color Dreamcoat, March 2 and

3. End of term, March 22. Scholarship and Entrance Examination at the College at

The Lent Term 1990 started on

Monday, January 8. There are 315 boys and 36 girls in the School: J.E.C. Hall (Orchard) is Head of School, the Captain of Hockey is S.T.W. Rees. The annual Confirmation Service will be conducted by the Brishop

will be conducted by the Bishop

of Swansea & Brecon on Janu-

ary 27; the Junior Scholarship

and Entrance examinations will

be taken on February 3 and half-

11.45, Friday, March 23.

Christ College, Brecon

Mr.J. Cimeo

Mr R.J.S. Drinkwater and Miss V.A. Harding The engagement is ann ment is announced between Richard, younger son of Mr and Mrs C.P. Drinkwater, of the Isle of Man, and Vanessa-Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs T.C. Harding, of New House Farm, Sawbridgeworth, Herts.

Mr J.W. Edgar and Miss S.J. Yeates The engagement is announced between James William, son of the late Mr W.D. Edgar and of Mrs J.P. Edgar, of Staindrop, nr Darlington, Co Durham, and Sophie Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.A.R. Yeates, of Kingsbridge, Devon.

Lt S.S.J. Elliett and Miss C.M. Blum The engagement is announced between Lt Shane Swynfen Jervis Elliott, 1st Battalion, The Queen's Regiment, elder son of Mr and Mrs J.S. Elliott, of Langport, Somerset, and Caroline Mary, younger daugh-ter of Mr R.R.L. Blum, of Stoke Prior, Herefordshire, and Mrs T. Coupland, of Swarraton, Hampshire.

and Miss K. Bevan The engagement is announced between Anthony Thomas, youngest son of Mr and Mrs youngest son of Mr and Mrs Peter Fanshawe, of Welltown Manor, Boscastle, Cornwall, and Katharine, only daughter of Dr and Mrs James Bevan, of St John's Wood, London.

Mr P.E. Fearaley and Miss F.H. David The engagement is announced between Philip Edward, elder son of Mr Edward Fearaley, of

Mr M.J. Freeth and Miss F.E. McShane The engagement is announced between Michael John only son of Mr and Mrs J.R. Freeth of Northwood, Middlesex, and Fiona Elizabeth, elder daughter of Dr C.B. McShane, of Litton Cheney, Dorset, and Mrs P.E. McShane, of Teddington,

of Walsham-le-Willows, of Mr and Mrs Walter Suffolk, and Deborah, daughter Goldsmith, of Northwood, of the late Dr N.E. Cameron and Middlesex, and Nicola Jane, Mrs R. Stowe, of Walmer, Kent. only daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Angel, of Dulwich,

between Jaimie, son of Senor and Mrs M. Thornton and Senora Caneo, of Lima, The engagement is announced Peru, and Helen Si Clair, only between David, husband of the late Esmé (Mick) Howard and Mary (née Maries), widow of Edward Thornton.

The Choral Society Concert comprises Kodaly's Missa Brevis and Schubert's Mass in G (Brecon Cathedral, February

17); the Senior (Preparatory School) Academic and Music

take place from February 25-27.

The Centenary dinner to cele-brate the opening of Donaldsons House in 1890 will take place on

March 2: the Christ College

Preparatory School 7-a-side Rugby Football tournament will

be on March 3. Christopher

Marlowe's Dr Faustus will be performed on March 16, 17 and

The Easter Term at Kelly Coll-

ege begins today. Dominic Price remains as Head of School. The

Choir will sing Evensong in Bristol Cathedral on Tuesday,

January 23. The 11+ Scholar-ship Examination for Primary School candidates will be held

on Saturday, February 10. House Plays will be staged from March 12-15. Term ends on Friday, March 16.

Marlborough College an-nounces the following 6th Form awards for September 1990:

Scholarships: Olivia Barnes (Music), James Allen's Girls' School, London; Olivia Gill (Music & Art), Wells Cathedral School; Alice Goodchild (Music), St John's School, Mari-

borough; Peter Jones (Music), Shaftesbury School, Shaftes-

Mariborough College

18. Term ends on March 22.

Kelly College

Mr M. Iles and Miss N.A. Houchia The engagement is announced Mr and Mrs R. Iles, of Huntingfield, Suffolk, and Nicola Ann, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Gordon Provan, of Ipswich, Suffolk.

and Miss P.J. Dennett
The engagement is announced
between Michael Geoffrey, between Michael Geoffrey, younger son of Mr and Mrs James Irving, of Newbury, Berk-shire, and Pamela Jean, daugh-ter of Mr and Mrs Albert Dennett, of Ingatestone, Essex,

Mr D.L. Liddell and Miss C.C.M. Bertlin The engagement is announced between David Lyon, youngest son of Mr and Mrs T.L. Liddell, of Dormans Corner, Lingfield, and Chloe Camilla Margot, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs D.P. Bertlin, of Castlefield,

Mr G.C.A. Macdonald and Miss C.A. Wright The engagement is announced between Gregor, younger son of Mr and Mrs George Macdonald, of Corstorphine, Edinburgh, and Catherine Anne, only daughter of Mr and Mrs James M. Wright, of Beaumont-cum-Moze, Essex.

Major S.M. Marriett and Miss C.E. Wells The engagement is announced between Major Simon Marriott, 17th/21st Lancers, elder son of the late Captain P.R. Marriott, DSO, DSC, RN, and of Mrs Marriott, of East Wretham, Thetford, Norfolk, and Caroline, younger daughter of the late Major and Mrs M.D. Wells, of Hildenborough, Kent.

Mr P.P. McGala and Miss C.A. Infrate The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs P. McGahan, of St Lawrence, Jersey, and Catherine, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs A.G. Iafrate, of Reigate, Surrey.

Mr S.M.T. Odone and Miss A. Cabill The engagement is announced between Sebastian, second son of Tim and the late Ann Odone, of Kimpton, Hampshire, and Anne, younger daughter of the late Thomas Cahill and of Mary Cahill, of Kilmaley Hill, Ennis, County Clare.

and Dr S.A. Hayward The engagement is announced between Robert Mark, only son of Mr and Mrs Roy Redwood, of Beaconsfield, Bucks, and Sally Ann, youngest daughter of Mrs Eileen Hayward and the late Thomas Kenneth Hayward, of Harrogate, North Yorkshire.

bury; Sarah Medley (Academic), Goldolphin School, Salisbury;

Josh Ounsted (Academic).

Exhibitions (Academic): Mari-

ana Bubna-Kasteliz, Bath High School; Martin Gupta, St George's College, Weybridge.

The Spring Term at Queenswood School begins on Sunday, January 14, and ends on Saturday, March 24. There will be a Choral Society Concert

on Sunday, March 18 - Old Queenswoodians and friends welcome to sing - full details from the school. There will be a

production of *The Boy Friend* on Saturday, March 10, at 7.00

St Francis' College, Letchworth

St Francis' College, Leichworth
The Spring Term at St Francis'
College began on Wednesday,
January 10 and ends on
Wednesday, April 4, 1990.
Karen Henson is Head Girl and
Elizabeth Nash is her Deputy.
Alison Keating is Chairman of
the Boarders' Council and Brigitte Chudasama is Vice-Chairman. The Governors have
pleasure in announcing the creation of the St Francis de Sales
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Award for the daughters or grand-daughters of Old Girls of St Francis' College. Full details may be obtained from the Headmistress. The Entrance Examination will be held on

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School announcements

and Miss C. Colchester
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> Mr D.M.A. Sameogo-Turner and Miss A.E. Wilson The engagement is announced between Dominic Michael Adrian, son of Mr and Mrs William Samengo-Turner, of Polasinello, Monte Gabbione, Umbria, Italy, and Annabel Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Wilson, of The Manor House, Lindfield, Sussex.

Mr J.D. Schenberg and Miss B.F. Knock The engagement is announced between Jonathan, only son of Mrs Sarah Schonberg and the late Mr Stanley Schonberg, of Johannesburg, South Africa, and Beverley, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Colin Knock, of

Chipping Ongar.

Mr A.C. Stone and Miss S.E. Carr The engagement is announced between Alexander Cohn, elder son of Mrs Patricia and Mr Gordon Stone, of Edinburgh, and Susan Elizabeth, elder daughter of Mrs Margaret and the late Mr Anthony Carr, of

Mr P. D. Sutherland
and Miss A.M. Thompsett
The engagement is announced
between Peter, youngest son of
Dr Douglas Sutherland and Dr
Veronica Sutherland, of Doncaster, Yorkshire, and Alison, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Clive Thompsett, of Winchester, Hampshire.

and Miss S.J. Cassedy The engagement is announced between Julian, youngest son of Mr and Mrs R.N. Wadham, of Exning, Newmarket, Suffolk, and Shirley, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs George Cassedy, of Emsworth, Hampshire.

Mr R.T. Watkins and Miss T.E. Reading The engagement is announced between Richard Timothy, elder son of Mr and Mrs J. Watkins, of Wimbledon, SW20, and Tanya Elizabeth, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R.F. Reading, of Brookmans Park Hertfordshire. Brookmans Park, Hertfordshire.

Captain S.R. West and Miss S.J. Middleton The engagement is announced between Simon Rupert West, Royal Regiment of Artillery, son of Dr Richard and Dr Jenny West, of Merton Park, London, and Sarah Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Graham H. Middleton, of Bredwardine, Herefordshire.

Friday, February 9, and the Sixth Form Scholarship

Examination on Saturday, Feb

tions will be on February 26 and 27. St George's Hockey Sixes will be played on March 14, Old Georgians' Day is March 25, and Mozarts' Requiem will be

performed in chapel in the evening. Term ends on March

Pupils who have left St John's

College, Southsea, during the past eighty years are urged to let the Bursar have an up-to-date address so that an invitation

may be posted to them without

St John's School, Leatherhead

The Lent Term started on January 8, with E.J.R. Harris as

Captain of the School. The Sixth Form Entry Tests for boys and girls for Academic Awards, day

and boarding places, will be at the School on February 10.

Music Scholarships for 13+ and 16+ will take place on February

26. The Bishop of Dorking will conduct the annual Confirms

tion Service on February 24. The Bruinvels Trophies Races

will be held on March 3. The

Michael Clarke Memorial Lec-(OJ) on February 14. The School Concert will be at 8.00 pm on March 18. Term

St John's College, Southsea

Rednock Comprehensive school, Dursley; Rachel Wrangham (Academic), German Swiss International School, The Easter starts on January 10.

OBITUARIES

JOHN SCUPHAM

Education on the air-waves

John Scupham, OBE, who died on January 10 at the age of 85, was the first overall Controller of BBC Education and helped to create the Open University.

He gave nearly 60 years of distinguished service to education, particularly on radio and television and the many other forms of educational communication they made possible. Twenty years of these were

spent in the BBC. He followed and extended Mary Somerville's pioneering work in school radio and added school television. He also managed to unite post-school radio and television in a single service and to set up for it acceptable systems of guidance from "the world of education". He re-tired from the post of overall Controller in 1965.

Scupham was one of the earliest to perceive the possibilities of combining new with traditional routes to learning - broadcasting print. face-to-face contact, home study by correspondence and counselling - using all or any as might be most effective. Backed by the team he had recruited and led, he was a central figure in the planning and realization of the Open University, serving on the preparatory committees, on its Council, and on numerous important committees for many years into his

In 1961 he was appointed OBE, and he received an honorary doctorate from the Open University in 1975. John Scupman's contribu-

tions to education were not limited to the media. Born on September 7, 1904, he won a major Open Scholarship to Emmanuel College, Cam-bridge, in 1923, and a double first in History and English. He then spent 15 years in many educational jobs teaching in grammar schools and a technical college, lectur-ing in university adult education and to the Forces, and examining for university scholarships.

As his own education had begun in an elementary contributing to education as school, and a county grammar "a systematic and sustained



school in Lincolnshire, he brought to the BBC an unusally wide range of firstexperience and hand

sympathy. He was one of the key members of the Newsom Committee, whose report Half our Future in 1963 did much to champion the unmet needs of children of average or below average ability. It led not only to the raising of the legal leaving age but to a wider recognition of these children's needs. With the support of the School Broadcasting Council, Scupham developed and shaped school broadcasts to lead and support schools' responses to the Newsom vision. When the Pilkington Re-

port on broadcasting came out in 1962 it was Scupham who pushed a reluctant television management into making a start with deliberately educational series on BBC1 and BBC2. The experience gained led him to make proposals for a College of the Air that were later to emerge in the more ambitious Open University project

As a committed and active Christian - he served for many years on the Church of England Board of Education -Scupham's ideas about education and broadcasting were aligned to those of Matthew Arnold and John Reith, In his book Broadcasting and the Community he quoted Reith's distinction of programmes

endeavour to re-create, to build up knowledge, experi-ence and character from those that carried out "the great education work" for making life "more interesting and enjoyable than it would otherwise be".

Scupham's work lay with the first group. His task was to explore in detail how the new media could each serve particular educational roles, singularly or in conjunction, and how staff, space, resources and control could be secured from the BBC to produce a service that would command respect. This entailed achieving and maintaining two sets of relationships, one internal and one external. The external was with "the educational, world" for which separate mechanisms were needed for the school system, the Open University and the general, adult population. The internal was with the governance and management of the BBC and with the talent, drive and impatience of "the young-lions" of television. To theresolution of the tensions and contentions of these relationships, Scupham brought, be-sides courage, resourcefulness and energy, his great intellectual ability, a notable educational perceptiveness and a talent for cogent and luminous expression.

His relationships with his staff were uniformly courteous and considerate. They looked to him for wise and penetrating counsel which they repaid by deep respect and steady support for his determination to extend educational opportunities to all levels of all people. He made, too, a number of very close and long-lasting friendships with other professional colleagues.

The conjunction of this remarkable, quiet man with the challenges of his time brought great benefit and credit to British Broadcasting and to its reputation abroad.

His wife, Dorothy, died two years ago. He is survived by their son, Peter, and daughter,

PROFESSOR HARRY SHAPIRO

Studying the descendants of the *Bounty* mutineers Professor Harry L. Shapiro, a of Physical Anthropology. descendents on Norfolk and

of 87. He was also involved in Columbia University. the search for the fossil redisappearance gave rise to an problems of human identity, a Hawaii. international dispute. With his death, physical anthropology has lost one of its founding fathers.

Born in Boston on March 19. 1902. Harry Lionel Shapiro attended Harvard for his undergraduate and postgradu-ate degrees, becoming one of after the war, assisting in the undergraduate and postgraduthe first Americans to obtain a identification of the unknown doctorate in physical anthropology. In 1926 he was appointed an Assistant Curator in the Department of Anthropology of the American Museum of Natural History, New York, thus

beginning a lifelong associ-ation with the Museum. He became an Associate Curator in 1931 and then from 1942 until his retirement in 1970 he was the Chairman of mutineers and the local Tahi-

leading anthropologist who After his so-called retirement Pitcairn Islands. He sought helped to identify unknown he continued to work as a and seemed to find evidence soldiers killed in the Second lecturer at the Museum and of heterosis, or hybrid vigour, World War, has died at the age until 1974 as a teacher at

what is now termed forensic anthropology. His methods of establishing the identity of unknown human remains was used by the American Graves Registration Command and dead. His expertise was widely used by the New York City

known victims of murder in New York. He was also responsible for pioneering work in the genet-ics of small and mixed populations. In 1934 he was the first to study the effects of the intermarriage of the Bounty

Medical Examiners' Office in

helping to identify the un-

from these mixed marriages. These studies formed the basis In his early years his prin- of his later work on the mains of Peking Man, whose cipal concerns were with the Japanese population of

His most widely known research, however, relates to the remains of Peking Man that were lost early in the war during the Japanese invasion of China. Subsequently the Chinese authorities accused the Americans of stealing the precious fossils since they believed them to have been dispatched there before the Jananese arrived. The detective story of Shapiro's search for the fossils was published in 1974 and is a gripping yarn sadly without a denouement the fossils are still missing.

He was awarded the Theodore Roosevelt Distinguished Service Medal in 1964 and in 1977 gained the New York Academy of Sciences Award the Department and Curator tian women through their for Scientific Achievement

garded as a threat to the

government of Milton Obote

which ruled Uganda from

1980, after a period of confu-

sion. But in July, 1985, he led

troops from northern Uganda

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LIEUT-GEN BASILIO OKELLO Overthrow of the Obote regime in Uganda

Lieutenant-General Basilio Okello, a Ugandan army officer who in 1985 led the military coup which overthrew President Milton Obote, has died in exile in Sudan. He was 72.

Having seized power in the coup, which took place on July 27, Okello - who was then a Brigadier - did not take over the reins of government himself, but installed the army commander, Lieutenant-General T. Okello (no relation), as head of state. However the T. Okello government - of which Basilio Okello was very much the éminence grise and controller - was short lived. and both Okellos were forced to flee the country in a coup which took place only six months after their own.

Basilio Okello had been a career officer in the Ugandan army from its earliest days. He served under ldi Amin, but

and was 63 years of age when

parmering Dawn Run to win a

Flat race at Tralee, her last

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exiled troops of the Ugandan National Liberation Army which toppled Amin in 1979.

went to Tanzania and returned to Uganda with the invasion force consisting of the Tanzanian Army and the

to oust Obote, who fled first to Kenya and then to Zambia. Though installing Tito Okello as head of a military council which was intended to govern for a year pending the organization of elections, Basilio Okello kept a close watch on events. But the National Resistance Move-ment (NRM) of Lieutenant-General Yoweri Museveni the present head of state began a military coup to overthrow Okello and in

January 1986 dissolved the military council Okello took refuge in Sudan, where he was sought by the Museveni regime for al-

leged atrocities committed served under to Amin, our later fied to the Sudan to begin A devout Roman Catholic, time in power. Tito Okello the campaign of resistance Okello was not at first reduring the military council's

CHARMIAN HILL

Owner of Dawn Run, an historic racing mare Mrs Charmian Hill, the race sustained severe injuries in a and France, and two years

ford Hospital yesterday, aged Yer Man. The Turf Club indicated in the week in which Dawn Run During a 20 year association opened her account that they with champion Irish trainer would be withdrawing her Paddy Mullins, the outstand-

ing horse she owned was Dawn Run, whose 21 victories included an historic Cham-Mrs Hill bought Dawn Run pion Hurdle-Gold Cup herself at the sales for less than 6,000 guineas, and the mare Mrs Hill took up race riding when her family had grown up

legendary performers under Mullins yard National Hunt rules.

Mrs Charmian Hill, the race-horse owner, died in a Water-fall from another of her borses later completed the unique double with Jonjo O'Neill once more in the saddle as they stormed to Gold Cup victory at Cheltenham.

Her first good horse was licence to ride and characteristically she went out on a shortly after Dawn Run was tragically killed in France her colours were carried to another important success when Boro Quarter took the went on to become one of the Galway Plate for the Paddy

She leaves three sons, In 1984 the mare won the Jeremy, Oliver and Barton, triple crown of Champion and also a married daughter, than a year previously she had Hurdles in Ireland, Britain Mrs Penny Rooney.



THE BOAT. There's so much to see at this year's London Boat Show, you could cruise around it for weeks...if it wasn't for the fact that it ends

on Sunday. So hurry or you'll miss it. 36th INTERNATIONAL

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8-12 January - Adulta £3.00.

SCIENCE REPORT Pulsar linked with supernova An intriguing possibility is

some stars end their ness in spectacular fashion by explod-ing to leave a tiny, rotating neutron star or pulsar embed-ded in the centre of an expanding shell of gas, resem-bling a past invide an overter bling a pearl inside an oyster.

But, like the optimism of the tramp who walks into a restaurant with the intention of paying for his order of a dozen oysters with the pearl he hopes to find in one of them, the association between pulsars and gaseous supernova remnants is often more of a matter of hopeful expectation than certainty.

Of the dozens of pulsars and supernova remnants that have been discovered separately, there are only six cases in which the one is definitely associated with the other. These associations all come from relatively recent

superpoyae, ones in which the clouds of debris have not had enough time to dissipate into, eral solutions to this problem invisibility. Of the six yourgest-known polsars in the nova remnant and the pulsar Galaxy, four are associated are both much closer to us with supernova remnants. The best-known is the Crab Nebula in Taurus, the remains of a timate. This would make the Supernova explosion observed apparent velocity of the pulsor by Chinese astronomers in across the line of sight much AD 1054. The Crab contains a less than previously thought. pulsar rotating on its axis once
every 33 milliseconds.

But the researchers dismiss
this possibility and accept the

of *Nature* (vol 343, pp 146-148) by Namir E. Kassim and Kurt W. Weiler, of the Naval Research Laboratory, Washington DC.
They have been taking radio "pictures" of a supernova remnant in Sagittarius that

seems to be associated with a pulsar called 1800-21 that is believed to be about 16,000 years old. They show that the link between the two is probably real, so it is no co-incidence that they just happen to lie along the same line of sight from the Earth. But there is a difficulty.

because the pulsar appears to be at the edge of the spherical remnant, rather than in the middle. This implies that the paisar would have moved from the centre to the edge during its short life: in turn implying a truly cracking and possibly unleasibly large turn of speed, The researchers discuss sevthan the approximately 18,000

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A possible seventh example rapid motion of the pulsar es

of a pulsar-remnant link is given, and an idea that could now suggested in today's issue be tested further.

that the supernova remnant is much more extended and diffuse than has been thought, so that the pulsar is in fact nearer the centre of the ren relative to the whole, than has been indicated. Indeed, there are hists that this might be so in their data. The scientists looked at the

supernova remnant using the Very Large Array (VLA), a hattery of 27 synchronized radio telescopes in the New Mexico desert. These telescopes can be moved about on a Y-shaped arrangement of railway tracks. Spreading the telescopes on the Y - so that the most widely-spaced telescopes are 20 miles apart allows high-resolution study of small, intense radio sources. Bunching them together at the centre of the Y allows the examination of diffuse sources (such as supernova remanats) with less resolution but very high sensitivity, the delicacy needed to detect faint wisps of

supernova debris. Kassim and Weller used the tightly-bunched VLA configuration to study the remnant on the 90-centimetre band, picking up saggestions that the remnant is more extensive than expected.

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THE ARTS/ROCK

Why is the music press pouring scorn on "coffee table rock"? Steve Turner speaks up for maturity

record deficit of £500.00 cas much as used to the council grant but was grant is to be increased by conflicience. Rock and rolls and wrinkles

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a choice of styles, when fathers shouted "turn that racket down", and local councils put bans on the music. Then they see Prince Charles shaking hands with nice guy Phil and they begin to weep.

Why, oh why, they cry, are young people buying the music of a 50-

year-old woman (Tina Turner) or a 40-year-old man (Bruce Springsteen)? Why did it have to be those "wrinkle rockers", the Rolling Stones, who mounted the most lucrative tour of America last year? Why did Pete Townshend not expire painlessly before he got old? Oddly, the lament rarely extends to black male artists. There have been no calls for James Brown, now 56, to seek early retirement, and at 72 John Lee Hooker is counted a living legend. BB King had to wait until he was 64 to support U2 on tour. Another trend worrying the critics

is the ageing of the white rock audience. Rock is now bought by executives with CD players; over-25s dominate the album-buying market. The music that once shook the walls of the city now gently vibrates the cocktail

They also report appalling concert scenes: unfashionable people, some with receding hairlines, who sit down in their seats during slow numbers and who clap their hands rather than punch the ozone layer. There have even been sightings of parents taking their children to see



Phil Collins: critics battle to understand the "Collinization" of rock

The Who and Paul McCartney.

"If the atmosphere had been a bit more abandoned and boisterous this could almost have been the Proms." wrote one reviewer of McCartney's current audience. "(They) ... looked the sort that wouldn't recognize a designer if one inscribed his or her name on their casual leatherwear."

This sniffy attitude — middle-age used as a term of devision rather than to describe a time of life - is itself based on a rather old premise, that rock is a music by and for

young people, with lyrics rooted in adolescent restlessness: a music which has failed in its mission if comprehended by the older

Those days are long gone. The oldest people to have had a teenage experience of rock are now in their mid-50s, so rock is music enjoyed by at least three generations. There is a generic connection - although a qualitative difference - between Elvis Presley and Jason Donovan, whereas there wasn't between Bing Crosby and Elvis Presley.



Parents raised on the Beatles stand a good chance of understanding and appreciating De La Soul and Stone Roses. Kids raid their parents' record collections and wonder why they were not told earlier about Jimi Hendrix. Grown-ups sniff out Top of the Pops because they know what a sin it is to be "out of touch".

But in the Fifties parents hoped their children would grow out of rock and roll and move on to Joe Loss and Mantovani. The parents of the Sixties were convinced that by the time Mick Jagger was 30 he would have a sensible harrcut.

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Of course, rock helped make the rod with which it is now being beaten. When Mick Jagger said "I can't imagine prancing about on Top of the Pops when I'm 30" and then sang "What a drag it is getting old" in "Mother's Little Helper", he was helping to sustain the myth that rock was a young man's business, and that clinging on to life when the wrinkles set in would be a capitulation to the forces of greyness. The fact is, Jagger and



Mick Jagger: his generation found it is not such a drag growing old

his generation grew old and found that it was not such a drag.

What does have to be acknowldged is that the old songs lose their cultural resonance. "Satisfaction", as sung by a middle-aged multi-millionaire with four children in 1990, means something different from what it did in 1965 Back then it was possible that the 22-year-old Jagger was not getting enough "girl reaction", and was irritated by radio and television

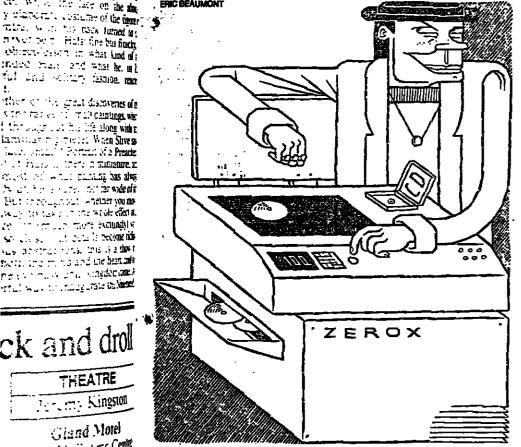
Now we know he is just acting.

Likewise, Paul McCartney singing "Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band" with a mock psychedelic light show is more a Madame Tussaud's showcase than a rallying call for stoned hippies. But the power of songs to evoke memories of past decades is not a weakness. It seems reasonable to me that McCartney has chosen to play a selection of his past hits rather than an experimental blend of Acid House and New Orleans jazz, that his audience is drawn from the forty-ish generation and that none of them are carted off in trance states.

It also seems reasonable that

any generation reared on rock will want to stick with it. The tight leather pants worn at 17 would look ridiculous at 42, but why should a new CD be out of place? Broadly speaking, the music created by older rock fans will contain more comfort than challenge, more familiarity than surprise. But then, with three kids, work pressures, a mortgage and early morning traffic, these people are looking to lower their blood pressure rather than raise their energy levels when they turn on the stereo. This is where the socalled "coffee table" rock of Dire Straits, Sting, Phil Collins and Chris Rea scores. This music has found its generation: a generation with money, car stereos and compact-disc players.

Rock is destined to get older still. They are not going to give up



David Toop looks at the advance of compact discs and the threat to the industry

edienne Rita Rudner, the homeless people who shuffle around the streets of New York pushing shopping trolleys full of strange possessions are victims of the audio technology revolution. They committed themselves to Ouad hi-fi systems in the Seventies and have never recovered

from its demise. "I just can't bring myself to buy a CD player until I have something in writing to say that's the last thing they are going to invent." says Rudner.

There is a justifiable fear that. by the end of the century, those ubiquitous black stacking systems will have reached the ceiling and will require a step ladder as an operational accessory.

But even so, according to the 1989/90 year book of the British Phonographic Institute, many rack systems now exclude record turntables, in anticipation of the day when vinyl becomes obsolete. To compensate, there is the growing popularity of the compact disc player, and the looming threat

of CD-R, CD-E and DAT. CD-E is an erasable CD which can be used to record and rerecord perfect copies of source material; CD-R is a CD which can

be used just once for this purpose; and DAT is a digital audio tape, which can also "clone" an original but has the potential disadvantage of deteriorating tape. These acronyms may mean

nothing to you, but to the music industry they are the equivalent of scarlet cloth in a Spanish bullring Audio-tech guru Barry Fox could offer little on the subject, except to sow the seeds of fear. "It is a tricky subject," he said, "and if you're not careful, you'll get badly out of your depth.

"Anyone who comes into this area risks getting a lot of flack from BPI and International Federation of Phonogram and Videogram Producers.'

The BPI is particularly sensitive. This week, for example, they took issue with the magazine Which?. Lawyers have been consulted in connection with the frequent claims by Which? that the major record companies are "milking their customers" by overcharging for compact discs. The year book itself is inhaps been one of the softest targets for ill-informed criticism from a variety of quarters, notably the

New waves in sea of sound

"It is too often identified with the excesses of popular culture and this obscures the major contribution that the British record industry makes to the health of the economy as a whole and the total sum of enjoyment in everyday life." Yet without the excesses of popular culture, the British record industry would be a stunted plant indeed.

One example of lawless behaviour which enrages the BPI like no other is the vexed issue of home taping. There is no question that the home taping of recorded music causes a loss of revenue for record companies, but one problem for the BPI is to convince consumers that they are morally wrong to indulge in this practice.

The developments of CD-R, CD-E and DAT have all intensified the debate. All presage a

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uncertain. There is little dev-

elopment of the songs, which seem to chase their tails for five or six

minutes once the basic themes

have been stated, although several

grooves of great prettiness emerge.

The Sundays: Reading, Writing

The Sundays is one of those

insufferably hip groups that pop

up from time to time, whose

prime function seems to be to

provide music journalists with a

were featured on the cover of

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troduced with fighting talk. "In the past," the BPI claims, "the British record industry has per-A large proportion of the musicbuying public is not convinced

that it should consider the record industry with benevolence. After all, some buying of compact discs is solely to replace vinyl pressings of intolerably poor quality. In such cases, the consumer pays twice while the artists and record companies receive a second helping of revenue The advent of compact discs has

invigorated the record industry financially. Perhaps it briefly suggested a utopian dawn of passive consumption, listening to perfect reproductions of perfect music on perfect hardware. But popular music will always rely on an active approach to technology for its artistic growth. And technology will inevitably produce un-welcome effects to spoil its positive contributions. Record companies are surely foolish to believe that they can enjoy all the benefits and suffer none of the drawbacks.

playing it and we are not going to give up listening to it. At one time marketing departments spoke of the 18-25 age group, then it expanded to become the 18-35s. Now it is 18-45 and growing. But this would only be worth lamenting if it crushed the abrasive music traditionally created by the young and hungry. As it is, Guns 'n' Roses can exist alongside Pink Floyd; Happy Mondays can play in the same world as Eric Clapton.

ALBUMS **David Sinclair**

Rodney Crowell: Keys to the Highway (CBS 466002 1) So much of country music,

whether new or old, conspires to give the impression that the person singing it is on the verge of falling into a deep sleep; some-thing to do with those long, drawled syllables, and the lugu-brious sound of the pedal steel sceping like warm treacle in to the grooves of so many gently filting chythms.

Not so the work of the Texan singer-songwriter Rodney Crowell whose Keys to the Highway opens with a razor-sharp, up-tempo romp called "My Past is Present" which hits the senses like a splash of cold water in the face. The immediacy is maintained by "If Looks Could Kill", a swaggering honky tonk with a bass line that strides out with a brisk, easy confidence, and "Tell me the Truth", a superb slice of Fifties-style rockabilly swing which opens the second side. grate of one who knows not the streeting of her white streeting of her walk relighed in that quality and has relighed

Two other modern acts who have consistently mastered this kind of hot-wired "jump" country are Albert "Country Boy" Lee and Ricky Skages, both of whom share with Crowell the cachet of having since format is also be superior format is also be superior format in the superior format is also be superior format in the superior format in the superior format is also be superior for a superior format in the superior format is also be superior for a superior format in the superior format is also be superior for a superior format in the superior format is also be superior for a superior format in the superior format is also be superior for a superior format in the superior format is also be superior for a superior format in the superior format is also be superior for a superior format in the superior format is also be superior for a superior format in the worked their way up via the ranks of Emmylou Harris's incomparable Hot Band.

Crowell's own band, the Dixie Pearls, is an enviably neat and supple unit and boasts a golden asset in the gorgeously rich guitar tone of Steuart Smith, who performs with notable elan throughout but gilds the contemplative Don't Let Your Feet Slow You Down" with some especially won-

A more lachrymose mood sets in generally towards the end of the album with a trilling mandoin casting dappled shades across the ballad "Things I Wish I'd Said". and only one rather sickly lament, You Been on my Mind", right at the finish, marginally queering an otherwise magnificent pitch.

Great life in the old country

The Christians: Colour (Island 842 268-2)

It becomes clear with each successive playing of this, the follow-up to their implausibly successful début album, that despite a lingering frisson of credibility, the Christians have become one of those drab populist acts, firmly cast in the Wet Wet, Simply Red or Phil Collins mould. Much time and money was

doubtless spent in the painstaking process of crafting this music to the precise specifications of a clearly defined mainstream popsoul market. The backing musicians, including Pino Palladino (bass) and drummers Steve Ferrone and Manu Katché are the best that money can buy (despite being awarded the most miniscule of sleeve credits).

The single "Words", and the lighthearted "Greenbank Drive" boast a discreet, innocuous charm, but for the most part the album lacks any discernible spark of life. Lumbered with a set of deeply conservative arrangements, Garry Christian applies a voice that is simultaneously recognizable yet characteriess, to material that simply lacks the grit to offer the listener any meaningful purchase.



Dembo Konte and Kausu Kuyateh: joining forces to make a jolly roll

Dembo Konte, Kausu Kuyateh & the Jali Roll Orchestra: Jali Roll (Rogue FMSD 5020)

The kora-playing duo of Konte and Kayuteh, from Gambia and Senegal respectively, has been a regular attraction on the UK concert circuit for some time, but it is only recently that the pair has joined forces with various members of famed "Balkan" eccentrics 3 Mustaphas 3, accordionist John Kirkpetrick of the Richard Thomson Band and others to form the Jali Roll Orchestra.

There is a decidedly bizarre quality to the fusions which ensue. vocalese is underpinned by an

On "Amadou Faal" the harp-like kora tones twinkle ethereally. while Kirkpatrick weaves a merry jig with his accordion. The Mustaphas' bassist and drummer nail down a relatively conventional funk beat, a horn section skates nimbly up and down the register while the high West African harmony singing snakes loosely in and out above the general mélée. On "Lambango" a tongue-twisting barrage of African

proportion to anything they were likely to achieve. Their cool, arty poise and predictably jangly guitar sound betrays a host of impeccable (independent) influences, most glaringly the Smiths (especially on "I Kicked A Boy") and the Cocteau Twins.

Harriet Wheeler's voice has a pellucid, occasionally piercing quality, from which all hint of emotion has been nuthlessly expunged. The songs are self-conscious, soulless artifices.

WEEKEND GIGS

Compiled by David Toop and David Sinclair

BURNING FLAMES: With the current revival of ponchos and flares, sartorial bad taste is bidding a firm farewell to the style decade. Burning Flames is an Antiguan quartet which excels in the wearing of frightful clothes but its style experity stitches together music from the Caribbean and West

Africa. Stoke Newington Assembly Hall, London, N16 (01-388 5533). Tonight, 8pm, 27 FINI TRIBE: The finest moment so far for Scotland's militant vegetarians has been "De Testimony", with its sampled

church bells beeming over a dance beat. They are now touring to promote the album, Grossing 10K. Fat Sams, Southward Rd, Dundee (0382 26836), Sunday, 10.30pm.

MARCIA GRIFFITHS: Appearing on the same bill as distinguished reggae veterans Dennis Brown and Freddie McGregor, Griffiths was a member of Bob Marley's vocal backing group, the I-Threes. She is currently having success in the US with a re-issue of her groundbreaking single "Electric Boogie". Academy, Brixton, London SW9 (01-326 1022). Tomorrow, 7.30pm, 28.50.

LENNY KRAVITZ: Terence Trent D'Arby and Andrew Roachford were among celebrities who turned out to Kravitz's barnstorming shows at London's Borderline last

month. He may still be a long way from claiming space on Prince's pedestal, but with his unique combination of Sixties funk, bubblegum rock and heavily spiritual psychedelia, the Messianic 25-year-old dreadrocker from New York is surely destined to be A Big Thing of the Nineties. Marquee, 105 Charing Cross Rd, London WC2 (01-437 6603).

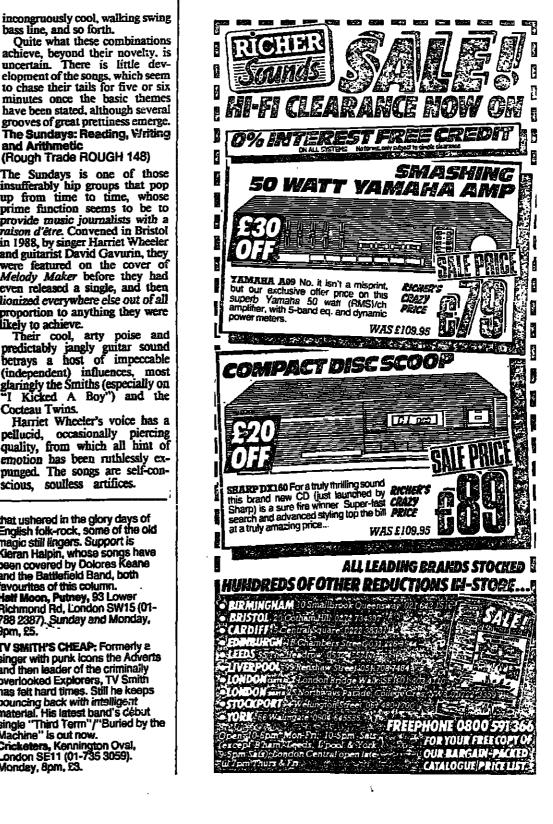
Monday, 7pm, £6. Boardwalk, Little Peter St. Manchester (061 228 3555). Wednesday, 7.30pm, £4. **FAIRPORT CONVENTION: Their** annual Cropredy reunion concerts have gradually expanded into a year-round international touring itinerary, and while they are not a

Thompson/Sandy Denny group

patch on the Richard

that ushered in the glory days of English folk-rock, some of the old magic still lingers. Support is Kieran Halpin, whose songs have been covered by Dolores Keane and the Battlefield Band, both fevourities of this column. Half Moon, Putney, 93 Lower Richmond Rd, London SW15 (01-788 2387). Sunday and Monday. 9pm, £5. TV SMITH'S CHEAP: Formerly a

singer with punk icons the Adverts and then leader of the criminally overlooked Explorers, TV Smith has felt hard times. Still he keeps bouncing back with intelligent material. His latest band's debut single "Third Term"/"Buried by the Machine" is out now. Cricketers, Kennington Oval, London SE11 (01-735 3059). Monday, 8pm, £3.



THE ARTS

Mourning and after

* TELEVISION ... Sheridan Morley

If death really is the last taboo in this country, then Nicky Cheetham's harrowing documentary on BBC 2 last night for 40 Minutes may have gone some way towards opening up the debate that nobody really wants to have.

"A Place For Tom" centred on the pioneering efforts of the Alder Hey Hospital in Liverpool, to involve the parents and grand-parents of dead children in some kind of therapy programme, which could overcome the mindless cru-elty of friends and neighbours and even relatives saying "You'll be better after the funeral", or "After all, you've got another two kids".

Inevitably, any documentary of this nature lends itself to charges of voyeurism, and there were indeed moments when the closeups of young bereaved mothers recalling the discovery of a cot death, or lingering shots of piles of unused toys, seemed to be intrud-ing for much longer than necessary into private grief. There were also moments when the film lost its focus, to drift off in search of ritually dotty spiritualist

But the film raised some crucial questions, even if it did not always aswer them. Is the Alder Centre the only place in the country where bereaved parents can expect some sort of psychiatric continuity of treatment? And, if so, is there any nature will spread to other hospitals and cor

The idea of having parents long experienced in the grief of a dead child come together with those newly bereaved seems admirable, as does the decision to allow parents access to medical records and the precise details of their child's death, which are so often withheld by hospitals still believ-ing in the virtues of secrecy.

If you lose a parent, as one of the mothers pointed out, you lose your past; if you lose a child, you lose your future, and it is in an attempt o reclaim that future that the Alder Hey is now working in partnership with the parents of dead children, to overcome in discussion groups and therapy sessions the isolation and beartbreaking despair that come of a tragedy which has for all too long and often been boxed away like the

And yet the real shock of "A Place For Tom" was the realization that so many parents have been made to feel so alone. "A death like this had not happened to anyone I knew, to any of my family or friends," said John ey. "I felt like a leper."

The Alder Hey policy is to make parents feel they are not in isolation, that they can talk about their lost children and indeed come together to mourn them. It is a vement which, like that of the Aids hospices, has now to be encouraged to spread nationwide.

Bill McAlister's long reign as emperor of the avant-garde is at an end. After an apparently undignified series of votes of "no confidence", and the appointment of an inquiry team to examine the management structure, the director and his deputy, Lisa Appignanesi, are to leave the Institute of Contemporary Arts next month.

The irony is that, in the 42 years since Roland Penrose and Herbert Read founded the ICA in the hothouse era of post-war surrealism, it has never been better organized. The place was in a state of crisis when Sorbonne-educated McAlister took over in 1977, having been artistic director of the Battersea Arts Centre. The ICA's

Arts correspondent Simon Tait on the background to the resignation of the ICA's director

Exit, left, the emperor of the avant-garde

then chairman, Cob Stenham, ment heads who were the produc-muttered unpromisingly, "I hope ers, not him. Part of the problem no-one will expect miracles from poor Mr McAlister."

But something of a miracle was wrought, McAlister acted as a kind of foreman who hired a team of experts and put them to work on their specialities: bold new directions were taken in dance, theatre, films, debates and installations, as well as painting and sculpture. "All the previous directors had been producers. What Bill did was

to organize a system of depart-

was very much around and making his influence felt," said one former colleague. There were even two different exhibition organizers, neither knowing much about what the other was doing. The building itself, in The Mall,

was that before he came Penrose

has been a further problem. The ICA has it on a generous lease, but it is an almost impossible shape for its purpose, and advertising out front is banned by the Crown because it faces the principal road access to Buckingham Palace.

McAlister said the ICA must stay at the edge of controversy, and it has, not just through the mocking tabloid stories of the Seventies, but with politically dangerous projects such as the Palestinian film season - which miffed the leader of Westminster Council, Lady Porter. Westminster is a major funder of the

"It is quite wrong to say that I am going because of votes of no

confidence in myself, said McAlister. There have been rows about matters of internal resources, but there has been no disagreement with the staff about

Nevertheless, insiders say that McAlister has become increasingly remote and irascible as the financial problems have grown. Moreover, the absence of a new general manager - apparently gapped" to save money for a while, in true bureaucratic style has angered staff. He and

Appignanesi depart leaving a record deficit of £500,000, almost as much as next year's Arts Council grant - but at least the grant is to be increased by seven per cent, something of a vote of confidence.

The inquiry team - led by Brian Wenham, a former BBC executive, and including three former department heads in Sandy Nairne, Paul Collard and Erica Carter - will report next week to the ICA's board. They are looking at the management structure, but their report is unlikely to be over-critical of McAlister. If the ICA is still seen as a crucible for new art, and it is, their view is likely to be that McAlister is largely responsible.

John Russell Taylor welcomes the opportunity, in a new touring exhibition, to reassess the achievement of the painter Frans Hals

Triumph of the people's painter

s Frans Hals a painters' painter, to be understood and appreciated only by a select group of his peers, or is he a people's painter, too popular and hackneyed to rate much serious consideration? Is he a comfortable Old Master, or is he a dangerous iconoclast in disguise? Is he one of painting's supreme technicians, or is he culpably careless and slipshod? These are the kind of sweeping alternatives that criticism offers us. What we have lacked, for many years now, is the comprehensive one-man show which would allow us confidently to decide for ourselves. Now the Royal Academy is breath-takingly filling that gap, with a show of nearly 70 paintings, ranging from his earliest known works to his latest. It has already been seen (in, naturally, a slightly different form) at the National Gallery in Washington, will be in London from tomorrow until April 8, and will then move on to the Frans Hals museum in Haarlem.

The first discovery the show offers is that everything they say about Hals is both true and not true. Undoubtedly he is a painters' painter: I happened to look round some of the show with three leading painters, and can testify to the ecstasy Hals's handling of his medium excited in them. But that does not mean that he is at all rarefied, for the cognoscenti alone. Fellow artists may see exactly how he does what he does, and be amazed at the brilliance with which he surmounts or just ignores many perennial problems. But anyone can respond to what he is doing, with no more than the haziest notion of how he is doing it.

As a painter of people Hals has few equals, and the immediately astonishing thing about the show is how directly he puts us in touch with his human material. annihilating differences of time and place. His technique, whether we understand it or not, has a lot to do with that. He got the effects he did primarily by just putting on canvas, in the most direct possible way, what he saw.

When one considers that his was an age in which classicism was the predominate strain, and the observations of the eye were expected to be mediated by the formulations of the mind, it is ama that he got away with what he did. Did not any of these solid burghers that he painted question his sketching in a facial feature, a hand or a detail of clothing with the fewest possible paint-strokes, so abstract-seeming match and outdo anything Manet could come up with in a similar line? Was not their puritan conscience appalled by the way be made it all look so quick and easy, when what they wanted was concrete evidence of man-hours spent, brush in

It is in his human, and human perception that Hals can go straight to the heart of a non-specialist audience. Take, for instance, one of this show's great coups, the bringing together, after more than a century separated in different collections, of the pendant portraits of Stephanus Geraerdts and his wife Isabella Coymans (c. 1650-2). These are unique in the painting of their time, and even in the work of Hals, so often the great exception, in that there is a clear interaction between them, a dramatic situation in which she offers him a rose as a token of love and he, in the other picture, responds by holding out his hand to receive it.

ach of the paintings is, on a purely human level, wonderfully warm and vivid, but put the two together and you get the most amazing reverberations, and an uncanny feeling that this is a tiny moment of time captured for all eternity: she is facing away from him, but her head turns towards him as though he has just said or done something to attract her attention, while they look at each other with half-smiles of such palpable warmth and affection that we for once are left in no doubt about the emotion behind the formalized gesture.

But everywhere you look there is this same emotional directness, this same truth to observed experience. Most often the people shown are in no way distinctive: just ordinary citizens of Haarlem, one supposes. Occasionally Hals goes in for the extreme and the grotesque, as in the "Malle Babbe", with her tankard of ale and the owl on her shoulder, or even the Fisher Girl" with her wares on the beach. But still, over and over, we have to

wonder not only what contemporaries thought of Hals's style, but where on earth it came from. There is nothing in the work poraries to explain it, and he seems almost to have been born with it. Though there is evident evolution all

through his long career, we can already see the makings of his distinctive style very



Warm and vivid: "Isabella Coymans" by Frans Hals, on show at the Royal Academy clearly in some of the earliest known There are no surviving drawings by him,

vears, but his unmistakable touch is already there.

works, such as the "Jacob Zaffius" of and nothing that he painted before he was 1611: his handling will grow looser and pushing 30. Whatever were his prentice

Slive, estimates that the canon is not more sensuous abstractions, this is a show to Surprisingly, for a painter who lets himself be so totally known in his work, more than half a century. And this from a keep the eye busy until kingdom come. A

dash off a finished painting in no more than a day. The reason for this apparently low yield is probably that Hals was already out of tune with his own time (a dangerous iconoclast indeed), and even more radically out of tune with the period which came immediately after.

or, it would seem, was he the easiest person to deal with. The history of the major group portrait, "The Meagre Com-pany" is quite well recorded, in all its vicissitudes. It was commissioned by the City of Amsterdam, a few years before Rembrandt's "Night Watch", and it is some testimony of Hals's standing that such an important commission went to a painter from Haarlem.

However, he dragged his heels to such an extent that first the price was raised, presumably to encourage him, and then finally, when he had not completed it some three years later, it was taken out of his hands and given to Pieter Codde, a capable but much lesser painter, to finish. Meanwhile at one point Hals himself had urged the sitters from the Amsterdam Civil Guard to go and sit in Haarlem, as this would, he said, speed up the whole process remarkably.

As we have it, since recent cleaning, we can see for ourselves just where Hals stops and Codde starts. The elaborately decked figure on the extreme left, holding the standard, must be entirely by Hals, for instance, while the lace on the almost equally elaborate costume of the figure is the centre, with his back turned to us, could never be by Hals; fine but finicky, it is an object-lesson in what kind of art surrounded Hals, and what he, in his powerful and solitary fashion, reacted

Another of the great discoveries of the show is the range of small paintings, which he did throughout his life along with the more familiar big pieces. When Slive says of the late, small "Portrait of a Preacher" that all of Hals is there in miniature, and so is most of what painting has always been about, he is surely not far wide of the mark. But throughout, whether you move right away to take in the whole effect at a The curator of the exhibition, Seymour move so close that details become richly Hals remains personally very mysterious. man who could evidently, if he wished, wonderful way to inaugurate the Nineties!

Faust is ageing gracefully. Ian Judge's production for English National Opera, in its second revival, still has the panache of a Broadway classic; it maintains the momentum generated by this speedy dialogue version; and its principals are wearing well.

John Tomlinson - speak of the devil — bas grown a flowing mane and long beard: the resemblance to a friendly gentleman of the road, or benevolent gardener, only makes more sinister his deadly allure as Mephistopheles. He still has a canny hand at making wine gush from a stone Bacchus, and exploding a brimming glass.

He has, however, grown perhaps just a little too accustomed to his own jokes. They seem just a little less sharply timed, though this first night audience, doubtless

Humour mingled with horror

in awe of the ever-expanding, now lustrous bass, was determined to take him entirely seriously. And so, of course, was Faust.

Arthur Davies is once more the personable and confused young Abbé, bookish of mind and arid of soul, yet, even before his new dawn breaks, as youthful and vital of voice as ever. The trees may threaten to overshadow his lover's "chaste demeure" but the aria is fresh, lithe and bright with the legato singing which is ever more a part of this production.

Valerie Masterson, who has doubtless trod this theatre's boards many more times than almost anyone else on stage, is new to the role of Marguerite, and OPERA Hilary Finch

> Faust Coliseum

she glides in as an entirely convincing personification of She is a princess long before the

Jewel Song: what she lacks in girlish vitality and sheer vocal radiance she makes up for in a grave graciousness of manner, which makes a most moving transition into distraction in the

Gallic turn of phrase is her greatest strength: the "King of Thule" song, here uninterrupted by any recitative, was a jewel as rare as any in Faust's casket. Her Jewel Song itself, more pearly than diamantine, a cunning piece of artistry.

The only other newcomer is Steven Page, whose Valentin is as yet vocally tense but as sinister as the role must be here. Figna Kimm's Siebel is as compelling as ever. Her Act Four aria, comforting the abandoned Marguerite, is eloquent with a grave beauty: her final attempt to reach her, when already fatally wounded by Faust, adds the final touch to a perfor-

mance of minutely observed detail lan Judge has returned to direct this revival, and it makes its mark in no small part as a result of the set pieces and the oppressive crowd scenes.

The return of the soldiers, its parade of shattered victims savagely undercutting the victorious and vacuous march, still chills the audience; the scene in the confessional, with Faust directing the Dies Irae, still properly shocks; the all-white mad scene, worthy of Opera Factory's David Freeman at his best, leaves its indelible

So too does the musical direction of Jacques Delacote. He has been at the helm ever since 1985, and he continues to direct the opera's cross-currents of humour and horror with perception and

It's only frock and droll

"Covered in angora/No one can ignore ber," the artistes chirpily sing of Bette Bourne, leader of the Bloolips, but in truth she would be difficult to ignore, whatever cos-tame she chose to sport about in, For most of this drag cabaret she — or he, really, but pronouns can only do so much — wears a rather grand Russian dressinggown topped with a fur hat the size of a cauldron, while for one of her final songs, the inevitable Coward pastiche ("Why Must the Frock Go On?"), she dons a tasty little red number with batwing sleeves hung about with plastic teastrainers. Both are successful ontfits, a touch outré, no doubt about it, but carried off with

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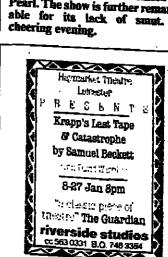
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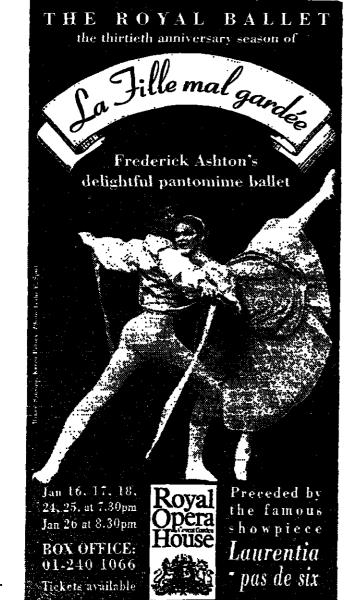
confidence; they attest to that crucial element of the drag subculture, the sovereign importance of the frock.

But in an entertainment the frock must rule as joint sovereign with wit, and here the Bloolips troupe, recent winners of an OBIE award in New York, do well enough to get by capably. Some numbers are only so-so but the seemingly haphazard stage management, carefully contrived. you may be sure, is an engaging running joke, and any short-comings could be forgiven a show where the closing number, "Keep Your Sunny Side Up", is sung by two fried eggs and a rasher of bacon – the latter, a generous

slice of streaky, worn as a stole.
The plot is as thin as the chiffon so liberally used in the costame department. Bette and her four companions are camping out in a New York square when she steps backwards into a truck and is whisked off to the astral plane. Her troupe set off to bring her back to earth, aided by Madame Blavatski and interrupted by need for occasional song and tap. Bette Bourne herself has a deep, chestnutty voice and the steady you not to share her enjoyment.

gaze of one who knows precisely the absurdity of her material. relishes just that quality and defies The loose format is also, and suprisingly, strong enough to bear "Just a Little Blue" sung unsentimentally to a dead lover by the whiteface artiste identified as Pearl. The show is further remarkable for its lack of smut. A cheering evening.





Frenchwoman's lesson in British choreography

Sylvie Guillem's début as Cinderella on Wednesday was eagerly awaited not only for the exciten awaited not only for the excitement which all her appearances cause, but because this was the first time since joining the Royal Ballet that she had danced anything by a British choreographer (although she had success in the Paris Opera's Anthony Tudor programme).

No doubt there will be some

chauvinist nit-picking about her performance, but it seems to me that, just as happened with the American Cynthia Harvey in Symphonic Variations, the star from overseas gave most of the English dancers a lesson in how to tackle Ashton's choreography.

What a pleasure it was to see all of the steps so clearly set forth. This is only partly a matter of a notably strong and classy tech-nique, although without that she would not have been able to sustain so smoothly and articulately, and at so unhurried a pace, the long and varied sequence of turns circling the stage at the end of her big solo in Act Two. Every jewel on that long necklace of steps shone with unusual brightness.

More important, however, was the intelligent and individual phrasing of every sequence, even the most simple; the clarity of the little runs on point, the quick clean way she brings her feet up in relevés or pas de chat, the curve of her body and gently swaying arms in the final lift. Above all, every step told something about the

character. With her personality, Guillem could doubtless have held the attention of most spectators through the opening scene, just as

DANCE John Percival

Cinderella Covent Garden

Fonteyn used, by simply gazing into the fire. However, she chose another way, basying herself all the time with polishing a jug, stirring a cauldron of soup, trying its flavour and offering her father a sip to taste. Hers is a very practical Cinderella, lively and observant, and kind-hearted too, even to her horrible sisters. It was good to be distracted

almost entirely from watching just how horrible Derek Rencher and Michael Coleman make those characters. Fussily they go on adding unnecessary new jokes, and get even less langhter. Guillem's parody of them, by contrast, showed real bubbling humour. My heart sinks every time the

curtain rises on David Walker's vulgarly ostentatious designs, but according to her custom Guillem insisted on modifying her costumes; slightly more raggedy yet also more glamorous for the fireside scenes; shorter, lighter, springier skirts for her tutus. Jouathan Cope partnered her

ably and animatedly, but the only performance on Guillem's level was Erroll Pickford's jester, vividly blugt in tumour, sharply classical but daring in his dancing The orchestra, under Mark Ermier, was particularly squally strangely, intermittently



Raggedy yet glamorous: Sylvie Guillem in the title role of Cinderella

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TELEVISION CHOICE

Peter Waymark

Passion Play (Channel 4, 8,00pm) presents linked portraits of two football clubs which mirror the religious divisions of their respective cities. Glasgow Rangers has a fiercely Protestant following while Derry City draws its support from the Catholic population of Londonderry. Mike Cocker's film was made during last season when both clubs were chasing a league and cup double. On this side of the water, at least, the Rangers story is the more familiar and the film does little more than present a conventional fan's eye view of a rich and well-supported club. The outrage of some dichard fans at the signing of the Catholic Maurice Johnston seems to have subsided amid continuing success on the field, though Rangers has yet to emulate its Glasgow rival Celtic by winning the European Cup. Of greater



interest is the Irish segment of the film. Forced out of business in 1972 because Protestant clubs refused to play in Londonderry, Derry City has been reborn as a member of the Irish them even support Ci post-modernism, about which he has written a seminal book, Venturi was considered just the man to give the National Gallery project a more acceptable face. The film charts the genesis of his design and follows him and his wife falso an architect) in a review of their

(BBC.1

6.00 Ceefax
6.30 BBC Breekfast News with Laurie
Mayer and Jill Dando, includes news
headlines every 15 minutes,
regular sports bulletins, regional
news and travel, and a review of
the morning naners with Paul Cellen the morning papers with Paul Callan 8.55 Regional news and weather 9.00 News and weather followed by Open Air with Earnonn Holmes and Jayne Irving. To contribute, ring 061 814 0424

9.20 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a

10.00 News and weather followed by Going for Gold. Quiz (r)
10.25 Children's BBC, presented by Simon Parkin, starts with Playdays.
The Tent Stop (r) 10.30
Poddington Pess. Hip Pess Bend (r)
10.35 Five to Eleven. Eleen Aldes with a reading.

a reading 11.00 News and weather followed by Open Air. Includes a discussion on last night's 40 Minutes documentary about Liverpool's controversial Alder Centre for

bereaved parents

12.00 News and weather followed by
Daytime Live with Alan Titchmarsh,
Judi Spiers and Simon Potter

12.55 Regional News and weather

1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip
House followed by Meether

1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton followed by Weather

1.30 Neighbours. Evicted from Mrs. Mangel's house, Sheron and Bronwyn start the search for somewhere else to live, Beverley is worried by Mrs Mangel's fortunetelling, and Scott is busy contriving a way to bring Henry and Bronwyn together. (Ceefax)

1.50 Film: Where's Jack? (1968), starring Tommy Steele, Stanley Baker, Alan Badel and Fiona Lewis. Realistic, non-romantic adventure set in 18th-century London, where a young man is forced to work as a highwayman.

forced to work as a highwayman for a notorious underworld character in order to save his brother's life.
Directed by James Clavell
Children's BBC, presented by
Andy Crane, starts with Dooby
Duck's Disco Bus (r) 3.35 is That
a Fact? Lancashire: The Pandle

a Fact? Lancashire: The Pendle Witches 4.10 The New Yogi Bear Show 4.20 The Baron Rides Out, narrated by Nigel Havers (r) 4.30 Coppers and Co. To Be or Not To Be. (r) 4.35 Newsround Extra Roger Finn reports on unwanted pupples 5.05 Grange Hill. The police arrive at the school to question Robbie (Ceefax) Robbie. (Ceefax) Neighbours. Another chance to see the episode shown earlier today.

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter

Sissons and Jill Dando, followed by Weather

6.30 Newsroom South East
7.00 Wogan with Mrs Thatcher
7.40 'Also 'Alkol Heiga is ordered to find evidence of a plot to blow up Hitler, and René curs in motion a and René puts in motion a scheme to photograph the German plans for the invasion of England

plans for the invasion of England (r). (Ceefax)

8.05 Campion. Sweet Danger. The first of four two-part dramas adapted from Margery Allingham's novels about the private detective. In this episode, Campion is asked to find documents which prove that the Frittons are the rightful owners of a tiny Delmatian state where oil has been discovered. Stars Peter Davison and Brian Glover. (Ceefax)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk, followed by Regional News and weekend weather

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9.30 Film: Silkwood (1983), starring
Meryl Streep, Cher and Kurt Russell.
The irue story of an American
worker at a nuclear processing plant worter at a nuclear processing in Oklahoma who uncovers a plutonium radiation leak. In her efforts to alert people to the danger she finds her own life threatened by a more sinister force. Directed by Mike Nichols. (Ceefax)

11.40 A Vision Shared. A tribute to two of America's folk music legends, Woody Guthrie and Leachetty, with contributions from U2, Arlo Guthrie, Emmylou Harris, Bob Dylan and Bruce Spring

am Film: Coming Out of the Ice (1982), starring John Savage, Ben Cross and Willie Nelson. A madefor-television drama based on the true story of a Detroit boy who went to the Soviet Union to develop his potential as an athlete, was arrested on suspicion of being a spy, and found himself unable to return home. Directed by Waris work in the United States and Europe. 2.15 Weather

(TYLONDON ::)

6.00 TV-am starts with News and Good Morning Britain, presented by Richard Keys and, from 7.00, by Michael Morris and Linda Mitchell.

Micrisel Morris and Linds Macriel.
Includes news at 6.30, 7.00,
7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00. After
Nine with Kathy Taylor.
8.25 Lucky Ladders. Word game with
Lamie Bennett
9.55 Thames News and weather
10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Mile

Scott chairs a studio discussion

10.40 This Morning with Judy Finnigen,
Richard Madeley and fashion expert
Lesley Ebbetts. Includes News
headines at 10.55 and Regional

News at 11.55

12.10 Rainbow. Super Bungle. Bungle seems to have acquired amazing powers just like his hero

Superman 12.30 Home and Away. The news of Alise's programcy delights Summer Bay, but she is still keeping the truth from Alf, who is furious with Roo after finding a note she has slipped under the door News at One with John Suchet.

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1.00 News at One with John Suchet.
Followed by national weather

1.20 Themes News and weather

1.30 Shoolker. First of the semifinals in the Mercantile Credit Classic, presented by Tony Francis from Norbrack Castle Blackpool

2.00 The Bill. Omnibus edition (r)

3.00 Shoolker. Further coverage from Blackpool

3.23 Themes News and weather

3.30 Sons and Daughters. Pamela puts her devious plans into action

4.00 Children's ITV, presented by Jeanne Downs, starts with Utterly Brilliant. Today's programme, introduced by Timmy Maliett, looks at the art of juggling, with the Sarostes 4.20 Round the Bend. Return of the Killer Teddy. A new series of goings-on in the city sewers. Doc Croc and his sewer rat staff face a 10ft teddy bear in sunglasses.

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4.45 Palace Hill. Invasion of the Body
Scratchers. The manic school is invaded by mutant head lice 5.10 Home and Away. Another chance to see the episode shown earlier

to see the episcole shown earner today (r)

5.40 News with Fiona Armstrong followed by national weather. (Oracle)

6.00 Six O'Clock Live with Frank Bough and Jeni Barnett. Regional reports from Danny Baker, Charles Colvile and Shauna Lowry, and Anna Maria Ashe in the LWT newsroom

newsroom
Concentration. Bob Carolgees
challenges two more contestants to
test their powers of memory
Coronation Street. The two
women in Ken Barlow's life confront women in Ken Barlow's the control teach other. Bet is worried that Alec's attempt to return his claughter's hospitality may end in him being hurt. (Oracle)

8.00 Watching. Petting. When Malcolm is asked to look after a convalescing pigeon, his mother claims that he's turning the house into a Noah's Ark (Oracle)

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8.36 Home to Roost. High Noon.
Matthew's involvement with a boxer's girlfriend leads to him being challenged to a fight. Henry is right behind him, but Matthew is not so keen. Stars John Thaw and Reace Dinsdale. (Oracle)

9.00 Stolen. The children are missing from school. The police find Salim's car at Folkestone and Marianne begins to fear the worst. Stars Art Malik and Cheryl Prime

10.00 News at Ten with Sandy Gall and Trevor McDonald. Followed by weekend weather. (Oracle)

10.35 The London Programme with Trevor Phillips

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11.05 Snooker. Tony Francis introduces the battle for the remaining place in the final of the Mercantile Credit

Classic

12.30 William Tell. The Banquet. Drams series about the Swiss hero and his fight to free his family and country. Stars Will Lyman and Jeremy Clyde

1.09 The James Whate Radio Show followed by News headlines

2.00 Cinematizactions. Stove March with film stars from America.

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2.30 The Fall Guy. Tag Team. Cott (Lee Majors) is hired to find a 70-year-old wanted for skipping ball on a counterfeiting charge (r)
3.30 US Baseball. Oakland Afrietics v San Francisco Glants, followed by News headlines
4.30 Sid World. Information on where to ski and what to wear
5.00 ITN Moming News with Richard Bath. Ends at 6.00

BBC2

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8.00 News 8.15 Westminster presented by Brian Curtois.
9.00 Little Train to Lynton (r)
9.30 Antiques Roadshow. The Video.
A behind-the-scenes look at the show on the Isle of Wight (r)

10.00 Laurel and Hardy in Our Wife

(1931, b/w)

10.20 Film: Powdersmoke Range
(1935, b/w), starring Harry Carey,
Hoot Gabson and Guinn Williams.
Three rangeriders try to save a

friend's ranch from a ruthless politician. Directed by Wallace Fox 11.30 Film: Make Way for a Lady (1936, b/w), starring Herbert Marshall and Anne Shirley. Cornedy about a daughter trying to find a wife for her widowed father. Directed by

David Burton

12.30 Hot Champagne and First-Night
Nerves. An English amateur dramatic
group in Monte Carlo prepares

group in Monte Carlo prepares
for its first night (r)

1.20 King Rollo (r) 1.25 Chris and
Crumble (r)

1.35 Sport on Friday, includes darts
from the Embassy world professional
championship; racing from Ascot
at 2.05, 2.35, 3.05 and 3.40; and
reports on FA Cup action. News
and weather at 1.55, 2.55 and 3.50,
followed by regional news

4.00 Catchword with Paul Cola

4.30 Behind the Headlines with Kathy
Lette

5.00 Clean State. A critical report on the teaching of foreign languages in Britain's schools
5.30 Food and Drink (r)
6.00 Film: Frog Dreaming (1985), starring Henry Thomas, Rachel Friend and Tony Barry. Adventure about an American orphan being brought up in Australia. Directed by Brian Trenchard-Smith. (Ceefax)
7.30 Friday Report on PR and promotion
8.00 The Treasurehouse of Lord's. Composer and cricket enthusiast Times.

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Composer and cricket entrusiast Tim
Rice takes a nostalgic look at the
valuable collection of paintings,
trophies and memorabilla the
MCC has gathered over the last 125
years. He is joined by Freddie
Trueman and Str "Gubby" Allen (r)
8.30 First Time Planting. Garden
design and plant selection, with
Geoff Hamilton and Gay Search.
(Ceefax)

9.00 Colin's Sandwich. The start of a

new comedy series starring Mel Smith as a British Rail worker who dreams of winning fame as a 9.30 Robert Venturi: Back to the
Future (see Choice). (Ceefax)
10.30 Newsnight with Donald
MacCormick 11.15 Weatherview
11.20 Darts. Embassy world

professional championship, semi-final matches 12.20am Behind the Headlines (r)

CHANNEL 4

S.00 The Channel Four Daily
 S.25 The Art of Landscape, Final part of this tascinating film footage of the natural world put to music
 The Parliament Programme with coverage of events in the Commons and House of Lords

12.30 Business Delily presented by Darrian Green
1.00 Sesame Street
2.00 Reaching Agreement. First in a series about communication skills (r)

series about communication skies (f)

2.30 Film: Arsene Lupin (1932, b/w),
starring John and Lionel Barrymore
in a vimage comedy thriller. A
Parisian gentleman thiel narrowly
escapes being caught in the act of
stealing the Mona Lisa. Directed by
Jack Conway

4.05 Crime Does Not Pay (1939, b/w).

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Help Wanted. Crme documentary

4.30 Countdown. Game show.

5.00 I Love Lucy (b/w). The

Moustache, with Lucille Ball

5.30 Information Technology. Sensors

and Robotics, presented by Alan

Dobie (r)

6.00 Scoff. Lord and Lady Brocket give

Dawn French a lesson in manners,
and there is a recine for

Dawn French a lesson in manners, and there is a recipe for cheesscake (r)

6.30 Mork and Mindy. Mork the Swinging Single, starring Robin Williams as the alien from another the planet Mindy persuades Mork to start dating, and ne turns into the new king of Boulder's social scene 7.00 Channel Four News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi. Weather 7.55 Book Choice. The Bellarosa Connection, by Saul Bellow, is reviewed by David Profumo 8.00 Passion Play (see Choice) 9.00 Empty Nest. Cyrano de Weston. Harry is enlisted to help when Charley finds the woman of his dreams

dreams
9.30 Australian Beautiful Gardens.
Heritage. David and Bess Absolon's garden in the Sydney suburb of Bowral. (Oracle) 10.00 The Golden Girls. Sophis's

Choice. Sophia decides to come to the aid of a friend who has fallen on hard times and Blanche contemplates a breast

enlargement. (Oracle) Whose Line Is it Anyway? Studio 10.30 fun with Clive Anderson, John Sessions, Jonathan Pryce, Archie Hahn and Paul Merton

11.00 Film: Three Women (1977). Sissy Spacek, Shelley Duvall and Janice Rule in a compelling study of three women who come to California three women who come to common for very different reasons, and are forced to question their identities. Directed by Robert Altman lass Twilight Zone (b/w). Stopover in a Quiet Town. A young couple

awake to discover their surroundings are artificial and beyond recognition. Ends at 1.50

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BBC1 WALES 6.30-7.00pen Wales Today
2.15mm News of Wales SCOTLAND;
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8.35em Sportswide 8.40-6.00 Inside Ulster 6.30
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SKY ONE

5.00am Sky News 5.30 European Business Channel 6.00 DJ Kat 8.30 Panel Pot Pourri 10.00 The Sullivens 10.30 Sky By Day 11.30 A Problem Shared 12.00 Another World 12.55pm General Hospital 1.50 As The World Turns 2.45 Hospital 1.50 As The World Turns 2.45
Loving 3.15 The Young Doctors 3.45
Captain Caveman 4.00 The Addams Family
4.30 The New Leave It To Beaver Show
5.00 Sky Star Search 6.00 The New Price
Is Right 6.30 Sale of the Century 7.00
Black Sheep Squadron 8.00 Riptide 9.00
Humar 10.00 All-American Wrestling
11.00 Sky News 11.30 The Deadly Ernest
Picture Show

SKY NEWS

News on the hour. News on the hour.
5.00cm World Business Report 5.30
European Business Channel 6.00 World
Business Report 9.30 Frank Bough
10.30 BMTV Good Heath 11.30 World
Business Report 1.30pm NBC Today
2.30 Parliament 3.15 Parliament 4.30 NBC
Today 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Beyond
2000 7.30 The Reporters 8.30 Frank Bough
9.30 Newsine 10.30 The Reporters
11.30 NBC Nightly News 12.30cm Frank 11.30 NBC Nightly News 12.30 am Frank Bough 1.30 Newsline 2.30 The Reporters 3.30 Frank Bough 4.30 Newsline

SICY MOVIES



timers, Catholics and Protestants, and four of the team live in the Republic. While soldiers patrol the streets of Londonderry, Derry City's home games are trouble-free and unpoliced. All of which is a substantial achievement, fully matched by the team's outstanding 1988-89 season in cup and league. But the veteran civil rights leader, Eamonn McCann, warns that Northern Ireland's problems will not be solved by football alone. Despite the club's non-sectarian policy, few Protestants venture into Derry City's Bogside ground. Some of @ Robert Venturi: Back to the Future (BBC2; 9.30pm) is a profile of the American architect who was called to the rescue after the Prince of Wales killed the proposed extension to the London National Gallery by describing it as "a monstrous carbuncle on a face of a

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News on the helf-hour from
13.00mm until 2.30pm, then at
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5.00pm Jakki Brambles 9.30
Simon Mayor 12.30pm Newsbeat
12.45 Gary Davies 3.00 Stave
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.90 8.00 Singled Out 7.00 Jeff
Young's Big Beat 10.00 The Friday
Rock Show 12.00 The Mary
.Whitehouse Experience 12.302,00pm The Flanking Miss P

RADIO 2

2.00pm Headines 3.20mm, 6.30, 2.749, 8.30 4.00mm Alex Lester 5.30 Chris Stuart 7.30 Derek Jameson 6.30 Ken Bruce 11.00 Jimmy Young 1.05mm David Jacobs 2.00 Gloria Humiliorid 3.30 Adrian Love 5.05 John Durn 7.00 Syd Lawrence in Concert Inow series 7.30 Friday Night is Music Night 9.45 Laurie Holloway at the piano 9.00 The Organist Entertains 19.00 The Golden Yesrs-10.30 Gorham and Swift 11.00 Bay Butler 1.00mm

Years 10.30 Gornau 11.00 Billy Butler 1.00mm Nightide 3.00-4.00 A Little Night

WORLD SERVICE

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FM Stereo and HM News on the hour except 8.00pm Headings 8.28mm, 6.20.

Maurice Johnston: Rangers signed him, despite the outrage of fans (Ch4, 8.00pm)

Republic's league and plays all its away matches south of the border. The players are a mixture of professionals and partmuch-loved friend". As a champion of

6.55am Weather and News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Rimsky-Korsakov (Russian Easter Festival Overture: St Louis Symphony Orchestra under Leonard Station; Mozart (Disertiment & 213 Words (Divertimento, K 213: Winds of the Berlin Philharmonic

Orchestra) . 7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont):
Faila (Homenajes: Cincimati Symphony Orchestra under Jesus Lopez-Cobos): Gilière (Concerto: Stutigart Radio Symphony Orchestra under Kurt Eichhorn, with Edita Gerbachus, sportano):

Gruberova, soprano); Debussy (iberia "images"; Dallas Symphony Orchestra under Eduardo Meta) 8.39 News
8.35 Composers of the Week:
J.S. Bach. Toccata in C,
BWV 564 (Ton Koopman,
organ); Sonata in D, BWV
1028 (Jordi Savali, viola da
gamba, Ton Koopman,
herosichordi; (nvention in E, harpsichord); Invention in E, BWV 777 (Blandina Verlet,

BWV 777 (Blandina Verlet, harpsichord); Triple Concerto in A minor, BWV 1044 (English Concert Orchestra under Phanock, harpsichord, with Lisa Beznostrik, flute, Simon Standage, violin)

9.35 Morning Sequence: Haydn (Trio in F sharp minor, H XV 26: London Forteplano Trio); Spohr (Six German Songs, Op 94: David Wilson-Johnson, bartione, David Owen Norts, forteplano); Owen Norris, fortepleno); Kreisler (Recitativo and Kresta (caprice, Op 6: Krzysztof Smistana, violin); Mendelssohn (Symphony No 3 "Scottish": Berne Symphony Orchestra under

BWV 1002); Haydn (Plano Trio in C. H XV 27) The in C, M XV Z/)

11.85 BBC Scottish Symphony
Orchestra under Iver Bolton,
ied by Geoffrey Trabichoff,
performs Stravinsky
(Orpheus); Mozert
(Symphony No 36 in C, K
425 "Linz")

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1.00pm News 1.05 Chamber Music from Manchester: The Coull Manchester: The Court
String Quartet performs
Haydin (Quartet in D milnor,
Op 9 No 4); Beethoven
(Quartet in F, Op 18 No 1).
Live from Studio 7 Live from Soudo / 2.00 Daniel Jones Symphonies (new series): BBC Weish Symphony Orchestra under Bryden Thomson performs Lyadov (Baba-Yaga); Jones (Symphony No 1)

RADIO 3 2.05 Michele Campanella: The planist performs Bach (Pretude and Fugue in E, BWV 878 "The Welf-Tempered Clavier, Book 2"); Busoni (Elagies 1, 4 and 7); Liszt (Fantesia and Fugue on Bach, S 529) (r)
2.45 Youth Orchestras of the World: At the Abarrisan World: At the Aberda

World: At the Aberdeen International Youth Festival. In the last of four programmes, the Dutch National Youth Orchestra under Adam Gatehouse performs Strauss (Don Jam): Debusser if a Mart-

7.00 News 7.05 Third Ear: John Nash, reader in Art History at Essex University; Professo Seymour Silve of Harvard

Johnston, beritone)
9.25 The Ariday Play: Three Little
Girts in Blue, by Ludmilla
Petrushevakaya. English
version by Liane Aukin from a translation by Boris Isarov. Unlike the three eisters, the three little girls are longing to escape Moscow. With Frances

performs Strauss (Don Juan); Debussy (La Mer); Mahier (Symphony No 1)

5.46 Drum Beats: Max Roach takes to Charles Fox about his early days as a jazz musician. The programme ends with a dust recorded last summer with Dizzy Gillespie. Last in the series

6.18 Pick of the Works: Margarat Howard with highlights from 1989

Seymour Silve of Harvard
University; and art historian
Dr Iven Gaskell discuss
Frans Hale's exhibition of
17th-century Dutch
paintings at the Royal
Academy, London
7.30 St Magnus Festival 1969:
Scottish Chamber Onchestra
under Paul Daniel, led by
John Dolg, performs Purcell
(Fantasia No 4 in G minor;
Fantasia upon One Note in
F); James MacMillan (Tryst
— first performance); 8.00
James MacMillan taks
about teaching young

about teaching young people to write their own music \$.15 Purceil (Dido and Aeneas: St Magnus Festival Chorus under Maxwell Davies, with Lorna Anderson, soprano, Christine Cairns and Catherine Denley, mezzo-sopranos, Charles

Barber as Ira, Maureen O'Brien as Svetlana; Caroline Gruber as Tatiana; Eizabeth Spriggs as Federovna; Ann Mitcheil as Maria and Anthony Jackson as Nikolal 11.19 Composers of the Week: Hector Berlioz (r) 12.00 News 12.05em Close

RADIO 4

S.W (s) Stereo on FM 5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.35 Weather 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament 8.57 Weather

9.00 News
9.05 Desert Island Discs: Sue
Lawley with Dennis Skinner,
MP (s) (r)
9.45 Feedback: Chris Dunkley
airs listeners' and viewers'
comments on BBC
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comments on BBC programmes and policy
18.00 News; Special Assignment (see Choice)
10.30 Morning Story: Bus Queue, by Agnes Owens
10.45 Daily Service: From Ebeneser Chapel, Charles Street, Cardiff (s)
11.00 News; A Nearby Country: Part 2: The Kirk. James Naughtie examines the differences which remain behinten Scotland and England through three of its

1.00 The World at One 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast 2.00 News; Woman's Hour. Sally Jones presents the .

homelessness; an examination of the history examination of the instury of the nail-making industry, with reference to the book Glory Gone, by Margaret Cooper and Bill Kings; an item on teaching manners to children; and the adoption of occup theraps by the

4.50 News
4.65 All in the Mind: Dr Anthony
Clare with the magazine
devoted to matters of the
mind (r) (see Choice)
4.30 Kaleidoscope: A report on
the Renaissance Theatre
Company's production of
King Lear in Los Angeles;
and Christopher Bigsby
examines how the police
are treated on television (s)
(r)

Weather 6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial 6.30 Going Places: Clive Jacobs with travel and transport

brand of music over the Christmas period (s) 9.45 Letter From America by

Alistair Cooke 9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight with

With Bill Walts. David Tate and Sally Grace (s)

11.28 The Financial Week with Vincent Duggleby

11.46 Today in Parkament
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From 8.00mm The Satellite Shop 2.00mm Words to Live By: A boy's fight against narrow-minded ideals 3.00 Dusty: Episode nine of the

Australian drama 4.00 Wind in the Willows (1983): Animated story
6.00 Start the Revolution Without Me
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(1970): Two sets of twins are separated at birth
7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 Monty Python Live at the
Hollywood Bowl (1982): Compilation of sketches, performed live on stage
10.00 Police Academy 4: Citizens on Patrol (1987): The new recruits become involved in a hot-air belicon chase
11.30 The Moming After (1985): Starring Jane Fonda and Jeff Bridges
1.45em Shivers (1975): A sexual parasite invades a new apartment block
4.00 The Big Easy (1987): Starring Dennis Quaid and Ellen Barkin, Ends at
5.35am

EUROSPORT

5.00mm World Business Report 5.30 European Business Channel 6.00 DJ Kat 8.30 Menu 9.00 Havoc 9 10.00 Mobil Motor Sport News 10.30 Surfer Magazine 11.00 World Cup Skiing 12.00 Lissabon Football Tournament 1.00pm Paris-Dakar Raily 2.00 Tennis: Michael Chang v Ivan Lendi 3.00 European Basketball 3.00 World Cup Gymnastics 6.00 Indoor Motor
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1.00am Night Videos

SCREENSPORT

7.00am Diving 8.00 NFL American Football 10.00 Spanish Soccer 11.45 US Professional Boxing 1.15pm foe Skating 2.00 Rugby League 3.30 US College Basketball 5.00 Powersports 6.00 Golf 7.30 foe Hockey 9.30 NFL American Football Football

LIFESTYLE

10.00am Jake's Fitness Minute 10.01 Search for Tomorrow 10.25 Fashion File 10.35 Wok with Yan 11.00 Coffee Break 11.10 The Edge of Night 11.35 American Gameshows 12.50pm Star Break 11.10 The Edge of Night 11.35 American Garneshows 12.50pm Star Time 12.55 Sally Jessy Raphael 1.50 Skyways 2.40 Search for Tomorrow 3.05 Tea Break 3.15 The Detectives 4.05 Jack Thompson Down Under 4.35 Lifetyle Plus 4.45 Great American Gameshows

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Beating the Retreat and
visits the Droitwich radio
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12.00 News; You and Yours

12.25pes The Food Programme:
Derek Cooper raports on a new brand of belead bears, an Irish cheese called Cashel Blue and Tivell, a vegetable protein 12.55

Weather

programme from Birmingham. An interview with Peter Wright, director of Sedier's Wells Ballet; a discussion on women and

of group therapy by the probation service

News; Classic Serial: Jim Davis. Four-part dramatization or John Masefield's classic story. Jim (Nicholas Pickard) pays the price for uncovering the secet cave (2) (s)

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7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week with
Margaret Howard (s)
8.05 Any Questions? Jonathan
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personal view of the week's newspapers and talks to the people behind the headlines \$.15 Kaleidoscope: Soul Music.
John Amis follows in the footsteps of the Enfield Salvation Army band as they perform their unique

Richard Kershaw

10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Lady
Chatterley's Lover, by
D.H. Lawrence (10 of 15) (s)

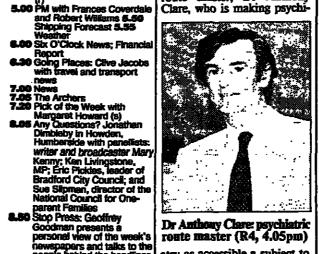
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review of the week's news.
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(RADIO CHOICE)

Peter Davalle

• All in the Mind (Radio 4 4.05pm), the weekly safari into our grey matter, caters for the thinking layman. With this SSAVI in mind, it picks professional guides who speak in everyday language and an expedition route master, Dr Anthony



atry as accessible a subject to the masses as gardening. After beating a track today through the dense undergrowth of M.E., they relax in the comparatively clear patches of musical hallucination and legal obfuscation.

 Special Assignment (Radio 4, 10.00am) pays a price for being up-to-the-minute topically, it isn't edited in time for previewers to listen to it. Today's issue is the rare exception, and I happily recommend it. Although it is essentially about the bousing shortage in the south-east, there is a national relevance about its findings in respect of issues such as the environment and the need for a housing policy that strikes a sensible balance between properties for sale and for rent. However, the somewhat gloomy predictions about the prospects for the rest of the decade are confined to the

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THEATRE

LONDON

* BARNABY AND THE OLD BOYS: JIT Gascoine, Keith Baxter, Jennifer Hilary in Baxter's interesting though over-sentimental drama of Welsh prejudice. Vaudeville Theatre, Strand, WC2 (01-836 9987), Tube: Charing Cross, Mon-Fri 7.45pm, Sat 8.15pm, mats Thurs 2.30pm and Sat 4.30pm, £7-£15.

A DIVERSIONS AND DELIGHTS: Oscar Wilde looks back on his life in Donald Sinden's one-man show. Limited

Playhouse Theatre, Northumerbland Ave, WC2 (01-839 4401). Tube: Embankment. Previews 8pm, opens next Tues 7pm, then Mon-Sat 8pm, £5-

☆ A LIFE IN THE THEATRE: Demholm Elliott and Samuel West in Marnet's study of an old actor and his ambitious junior: the players stronger than the

Strand Theetre, Aldwych, WC2 (01-836 2560). Tube: Covent Garden, Tues-Sat 8pm, Mats Thurs, Sat and Sun 4.30pm, 29-218.50.

* LONDON ASSURANCE: Paul ★ LONDON ASSURANCE: Paul Eddington an amusing ageing beau with Angela Thome in otherwise so-so producton from Chichester.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, London SW1 (01-93) 9832). Tube: Piccadity Circus. Mon-Sat 8-10.10pm, mats Thurs 3-5.10pm and Sat 4-6.10pm, £6-£16. (0)

☆ NOEL AND GERTTE: Patricia Hodge and Simon Cadell spar, sing and dance in Sheridan Morley's trip down Memory

Comedy Theatre, Panton St, London SW1 (01-930 2578). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Fri 8pm, Sat 8.45pm, mats Wed 3pm, Sat 6pm, £5.50-£16.

☆ PRIN: Commanding performance by A Privit: Commanding performance by Sheila Hancock as a rude, snobbish, autocratic college principal with principles you have to admire. Lyric Theatre, Shaftesbury Ave, W1 (01-437 3886). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Fri 7.45-10.15pm, Sat 8.15-10.45pm, mat Sat 4.30-7pm, £5-£15.

☆ A STUDY IN SCARLET: New stage Halmes first showed his immortal skills Greenwich Treatre, Crooms Hill, SE10 (01-853 3800). Train: Greenwich (BR). Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mats Sat 2.30pm, Mon-Fri 27.50. Sat eve 29. Sat mat

LONG RUNNERS:
\$\times\$ Cats: New London Theatre (01-405 0072) \(...\times\$ Las Lisisons Dangereuses: Ambessador Theatre (01-836 6111) \(...\times\$ Me and Rev Cite Acidohi Theatre (1340) My Girt: Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913) ... * Les Misérables: Palace Theatre (01-434 0909) ... * The Mousetrap: St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443) . . . ★ The Phantom of the Opera: Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244) . . . ★ Rum For Your Wife: Whitehall Theatre (01-867 1119) . . . ☆ Starlight Express: Apollo Victoria (01-828 8665).

OUT OF TOWN

BASINGSTOKE: * The Importance of Being Earnest: lan Mullins' production of our wittiest comedy, with Josephina Tewson mouthing horror at the

FILMS

Also on national release

22 Advance booking possible BACK TO THE FUTURE II (PG): Enjoyably antic but over-ingenious sequel to the 1985 hit, with Michael J. Fox and Christopher Lloyd zipping to-and-fro through the time spectrum; directed as before by Robert Zemeckia. (108 min).

Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 2.10, 5.25, 8.10. Late today, tomorrow 11.00. tomorrow 11.00. Cannon Pulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.15, 6.15, 9.15. Empire (01-437 1234). Progs 1.15, 3.45, 6.15, 8.45, Late today, tomorrow 11.15. Whiteleys Bayrawater (01-792 3303). Progs 1.30, 4.00, 6.40, 9.10; tomorrow and Sun, 11.15, 2.00, 4.30, 7.10, 9.40.

DEAD POETS SOCIETY (PG): Flery portrait of modern youth from director Peter Welr, with Robin Williams as an English teacher who institle his pupils with a dangerous love of poetry (128

mir). Casson Chelses (01-852 5096). Proga 1.40 (not tomorrow or Sun), 6.25, 9.15. Cannon Panton St (01-930 0631). Progs 1.45, 4.20, 7.05, 9.45. Odeon Kensington (01-802 5193). Odeon Kensington (01-802 5193). Progs 11.45, 2.35, 5.30, 8.30. Late today, tomorrow 11.15. Screen on Baker Street (01-935 2772). Progs 2.55, 5.50, 8.30. Late tomorrow 11.15.

The DELINQUENTS (12): A routine story of defiant teenagers in the Fifties with Kytie Minogue (90 min).
Camon Oxford St (01-638 0310). Progs 12.45, 3.20, 5.55, 8.30. Late today, tomorrow 11.10.
Warner West End (01-439 0791). Progs 1.15 (not Sun), 3.40, 6.05, 8.30. Late today, tomorrow 11.10.
Wittinievs 2 (01-792 3303). Progs 1.50, 4.15, 6.45, 9.10, tomorrow and Sun 11.55, 2.20, 4.45, 7.15, 9.40.

DRUGSTORE COWBOY (18): Provocative morality play about an unrepentant juside (Matt Dillion) who finally faces up to his file-style. Directed by Gus Van Sant with a strong feel for the underside of American society (100

Cannon Oxford St (01-636 0310). Progs 1.15, 3.40, 6.05, 8.35. Late today, tomorrow 11.30. Gets Cinems (01-727 4043). Progs 2.30 (not Sun), 4.40, 6.50, 9.00. Late today, tomorrow 11.15.

FIELD OF DRIEAMS (PG): Overty cosy Americane, with Kevin Costner as a farmer encouraged by a celestial voice to use his comfield for a baseball pitch, Directed by Phil Alden Robinson (106

Cennon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.15, 6.15, 9.10. Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 1.25 (not Sun), 5.45, 8.20. Late

GHOSTBUSTERS II (PG): In which Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd and company rid Manhattan of a devilish pink-hued slime. Expensive but ragged sequel which fails to cap the original (108 min). Centon Oxford St (01-636 0310). Progs 12.55, 3.25, 5.55, 8.25. Late today,

Prince Charles (01-437 8181). Progs 1.00, 3.20, 5.50, 8.20. Late today, tomorrow 11.15. Whiteleys Bayswater (01-792 3303). Progs 1.35, 4.05, 6.35, 9.00, tomorrow and Sun, 11.40, 2.06, 4.35, 7.05, 9.30.

LAST EXIT TO BROOKLYN (18): Raw, powerful version of Hubert Selby Jr's once-controversial novel of Brooklyn fife, from the director of Christiane F, Ulrich Edel. With Stephen Lang, Jennifer Jason Leigh (102 min)

TOP FILMS AND VIDEOS

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Back to the Future: II
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UNITED STATES: Born on the Fourth of July The War of the Roses

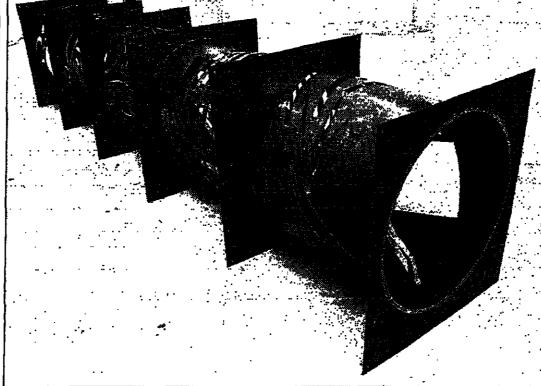
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VIDEO RENTALS:

1 Coccon 2 Rain Man 3 Who Framed Roger Rabbit 5 My Stepmother is an Alien Supplied by: Video Business

Works in the pipeline



1.40, 4.00, 7.20, 9.45. Odeon Haymarket (01-839 7697). Progs 1.30, 4.00, 6.30, 9.00. Late today,

Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644/5). Progs 1.30, 3.55, 6.25, 8.55. Late today,

tomorrow 11.15.

tomorrow 11.15.
Odeon Swiss Cattage (01-722 5905).
Progs 1.50 (not Sat, Sun), 4.15 (not Sat, Sun), 6.30, 8.50.
Warner West End (01-439 0791). Progs 1.50, 4.05, 6.20, 8.35. Late today, tomorrow 11.10.
Whiteleys (01-792 3303). Progs 1.15, 3.45, 6.30, 8.55, tomorrow and Sun 11.30, 1.45, 4.15, 7.00, 9.25.

CONCERTS

TODAY

* WINTER JOURNEY: In the second of

Christophe Homberger (tenor) sings the

Winterreise cycle. Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore St, London WI (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £4.50-£9.

wi (01-939 2141), 7-30pm, 14-30-29.

★ BURGOS, BUCHBINDER: The LSO is conducted by Rafael Frühbeck de Burgos in Hoist's Planets and, with Rudolph Buchbinder as soloist. Beethoven's Plano Concerto No 5 "Emperor".

Barblean, Silk St. London EC2 (01-638 8891), 7-45pm, £4.50-£20.

⇒ NEUGARTEN NEWS: Nearing its end, the Park Lane Group's "Young Artists and 20th-Century Music" series presents Steven Neugarten playing Statistics Steven Neugarten playing

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Saxton's Chacony and, as a tribute to his 85th birthday, Tippett's Sonata No 4. Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800), 6.30pm, £3-£5.

★ MYTH, MAGIC?: Under the rather

w MY IV, Magic?: Under the rather surprising title "Myth, Magic and Mystery", the London Bach Orchestra offers Handel's Concerto Grosso Op 6 No 1, Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No 4, Giutani's Guitar Concerto. Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-828 8800), 7.45pm, £8-511

☆ CIRCLING: Bringing the Park Lane

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his three Schubert Lieder recitals.

Sculpture of the type which concentrates on the essential qualities of materials, the slateness of slate, the steelness of steel and so forth, has been officially validated by the last three Turner prize winners, Richard Deacou, Tony Cragg and Richard Long. John Newling, whose "Conduit" (1988) is pictured above, is a younger Turk of the same school and, like his older and more esteemed contemporaries, he recycles heavy industrial and raw materials. "Conduit" consists of a tubular section of steel ducting interrupted by square, reinforcing plates. Inside the pipe lie several simple wooden chairs, thereby leaving the piece open to metaphorical speculation. The works in two new exhibitions of Newling's sculpture

rely on similarly abrupt, contrasting combinations of stuff. Other sculptures play on the re-presentation of familiar objects, such as fridges and kitchen tables, in unfamiliar materials. The artist wants as to look with renewed interest at what seems, on the face of it, to be ordinary. Newling's recent sculptures, those comleted since his return from New York in 1987 where he spent two years on a Fulbright Scholarship, are on show from today at Artsite, 1 Pierrepont Place, Bath, (0225 461659), Tues-Sun 10.30aua-7pm, free, until February 18. Other new pieces are at Edward Totah Gallery, 13 Old Burlington Street, London W1 (01-734 0343), Mon 2pm-6pm, Tues-Fri 11am-6pm, Sat 11am-1pm, free, until January 26.

David Lee

Odeon West End (01-930 5252/7615). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.05, 8.45, Late Fri, Sat 11.45.

MYSTERY TRAIN (15): Mostly delicious episodic film from the unique, laidback Jim Jamnusch, focussed on the overnight visitors at a Memphis hotel. With Yould Kudoh, Screamin' Jay Manufect 412 mals. Hawkins (113 min). Lumlère (01-836 0891) Film at 1.40. 4.00, 6.25, 8.50. Late today, tomorrow 11.15.

Progs 4.00, 6.40, 8.50. Late today, tomorrow 11.15.

PARENTHOOD (12): Episodic heart-warmer from Ron Howard about the joys and sorrows of raising children with a large, excellent cast (Steve Martin, Mary Steenburgen, Dianne Wiest, Jason Roberts) Mary Sisteripurgen, Diarrine Wiest, Jas Robards). Cennon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 2-25, 5.35, 8.15. Late today, tomorrow 11.00.

Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.10, 6.10, 9.05. Cannon Oxford St (01-638 0310). Progs 2.00, 5.00, 8.15. Late today, tomorrow

Cannon Shafteebury Avenue (01-836 6279). Progs 2.15, 5.05, 7.55 (not today).

62/9). Progs 2.15, 5.05, 7.35 (not today). Temorrow 11.00. Notting Hill Coronet (01-727 6705). Progs 3.00, 5.35, 8.10. Plaza (01-437 1234). Progs 12.15, 3.00, 5.45, 8.30. Late today, temorrow 11.15. Whiteleys Baysawster (01-792 3303). Progs 12.30, 3.15, 6.00, 8.45. Tomorrow and Sun 1.00, 3.45, 6.30, 9.15. SHIRLEY VALENTINE (15): Warm-

hearted film with the popular touch; Pauline Collins repeats her stage role as the Liverpool housewife rediscovering romance (109 min). Emplie (01-200 0200). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30. Late today, tomorrow 11.15. & Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.10, 6.10, 9.20. Minema (01-235 4225). Progs 3.00, s nn 7 nn 9 nn.

Whiteleys Beyrauster (01-792 3303). 1.20, 3.50, 6.20, 8.50, tomorrow and Sun 11.20, 1.50, 4.20, 6.50, 9.20.

WHEN HARRY MET SALLY (15): m WHEN HARRY MET SALLY (15): Engaging romantic comedy, with Billy Crystal and Meg Ryan as professional Marthattaniles who gradually fall for each other. Written by Nora Ephron, directed by Rob Reiner (95 min). Camden Partoway (01-267 7034). Progs (not Sun) 3.30, 5.45, 8.30; Sun 5.00, 7.45. mon Chelses (01-352 5096). Progs

TOMORROW

★ SWAN SONGS: For the last of his Schubert Lieder recitals, Christophe Homberger, tenor, sings the Schwanengeseng and other items, all with Ulrich Koella at the plano. Wigmere Hall, 7.30pm, £4.50-£9.

★ STILL AND SHAKING: The Delfosse Horn Trio gives the world premiere of Colin Townes's Factories: Still Life and Shaking, edding Lennox Berkeley's and Brahms's Horn Trios. Purcell Room, 8pm, £3-£5.50.

SUNDAY

☆ MEDICI MUSIC: The Medici Quartet plays quartets by Elgar and Debussy, then adds John Bingham for Franck's Vigmore Hall, 4pm, 25-£8.

★ BERIO SEGINS: Conducting the BBC SO in the first of four programmes of his music, Luciano Berio offers Sinfonia, Corale, Ritorno degli Snovidenia and 4 Versioni Originali della Ritrati Notturna di Madrid di Boccherini. Barbican, 7.30-9.30pm, £4, £7.

ROCK

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* HUE AND CRY: Rescheduled tour now that Patrick Kane's voke has recovered, assuming that the duo is still in one piece after the Hogmanay bash in Geome Souram St Georges Hell, Hall ings, brauroro (0274 752000), 7.30pm, E7. Sunday,

Newcastle City Hall, Northumbe Rd (091 261 2606), 7.30pm, £7. * SIMPLY RED: The indefatigable Mick Hucknall's blue-eyed soul experience trundles ever onward. London Arena, Limeharbour, London E14 (01-538 1212), £13.50-£16, for two nights.

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☆ THE DAN REED NETWORK: AT THE DAN REED NETWORK:
Recently seen supporting Bon Jovi, the Oregon five-piece dispenses high-energy hard rock with a beguiling touch of tunk at the margins.

International 2, 210 Phymouth Grove, Manchester (061 273 8834), 8pm, 25.

Sunday, Riverside, 57-59 Melbourne St, Newcastle (091 261 4386), 7.30pm, 25. SUNDAY

★ ERIC CLAPTON: One of our more venerated rock guitarists. NEC, Birmingham (021 780 4133), 7.30pm, 215.50, for three nights.

JAZZ

TODAY

★ JOHN DANKWORTH: Celebrating 40 years since the launch of the Dankworth Seven, the saxophonist-composer takes charge of a reunion of its former members, plus stars from his original

Romaie Scott's Club, 47 Frith St, London W1 (01-439 0747), tonight, tomorrow, 9.30pm, £12 (members £6),

TOMORROW

* STEVE WILLIAMSON: The Jazz Warniors saxophonist specialises in Coltrare-influenced bomberdments.
Arta Place, Jacksons Lane Community Centre, Archway Rd, London N6 (01-340 5226) 8.30pm, £4.50.

★ ROBERTO PLA: Vibrant Latin dance oiled ensemble. Double Base, 182-164 Earls Court Rd, London SW5 (01-835 2021), 10pm,

SUNDAY

★ SUE SHATTOCK: Rising pop-jazz singer, usually to be seen in tandem with keyboards player Terry Disley. Caspers, 6 Tenterden St, London W1 (01-493 7923), noon-5pm, no cover charge.

★ PIANO TRIAD: First date of a Jazz. Services showcase for the solo talents of three improvising planists — Django Bates, Alex Maguire and Akemi Kuniyoshi-Kuhn. Institute of Contemporary Arts, The Mail, London SW1 (01-930 3647), 8pm,

DANCE

TODAY

★ THE NUTCRACKER: Peter Schaufuss's complicated version of the Tchalkovsky classic for English National

Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-926 8800), 7.30pm, tomorrow 2.30 and 7.30pm, 25-£19.50.

TOMORROW

★ CINDERELLA: The Royal Ballet with Viviana Durante in the lead at the matinee, Sylvie Guillem in the everling. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1086), 2-30pm, £1-224, 7-30pm £1-£41.

OPERA TODAY

* OTELLO: Third night of four in current Royal Opera revivel of Elijah Moshinsky's Verdi revival, with Carlos Kleiber conducting cast led by Placido Domingo and Katla Ricciarelli. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), 7.30-10.15pm, £5-£98.

★ THE LOVE FOR THREE ORANGES: Last chance to see Richard Jones's hilarious Protofiev production for English National Opera Collseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-9.45pm, £3-

★ THE BARBER OF SEVILLE: Revival
of Glies Havergal's busy production for
Opera North, with Russell Smythe in the
title-role. title-role. Grand Theatre, Leeds (0532 459351), 7.15-10pm, 25-221,

GALLERIES

paintings and ephemera evoking Britain's response to the French Revolution. Whitworth Art Gallery, Whitworth Park, Manchester (061-273 4865), Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, free, until Mar 3.

OLEG TSELKOV: Paintings by a leading avant-garde Russian artist. Conneught Brown, 2 Albemarte St, London W1 (01-408-0362), Mon-Fri 10am-Born, Sat 10am-12.30pm, free, until Feb 24.

DEREK ROBERTS: Abstract paintings inspired by landscape motifs in the Pentland Hills where this Scottish artist lives. Francis Graham-Dixon Gollery, 17

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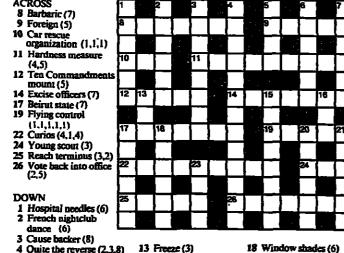
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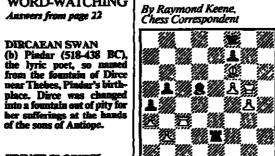
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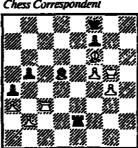
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Executive Editor David Brewerton

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Market report, page 27

2,321 quit Lloyd's

Lloyd's of London revealed that 2,321 members tendered their resignations in 1989, the most ever in a year. In 1988, 1.750 left the insurance market and 489 left in 1986.

Three hundred new members started underwriting in 1990, the lowest on record. In 1988, 951 members joined, and, for the five years before that, more than 2,000 members joined each year.

Profit warning

Jones Stroud, the manufacturer of elastic yarns, name tapes and electrical insulation, has given a warning that profits this year will fall below the £7.1 million of 1988-89. The warning came with firsthalf results showing pre-tax profits 6 per cent down at £3.46 million, despite a 6 per cent rise in turnover to £30.3 million. Earnings fell by 7 per cent to 11.6p, but the interim dividend is increased by a fifth to 3p. The shares were un-

Tempus, page 24 STOCK MARKETS

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TSB profits slashed by cost of shake-up

Reorganization expenses and spiralling costs slashed profits at the TSB Group by almost two-thirds to £155 million last year.

Pre-tax profits for the year to end-October fell by 15 per cent to £356 million. But exceptional provisions of £201 million reduced profits to £155 million, even lower than forecasts in the City.

The provisions include costs of £125 million for the four-year rationalization of the group's retail banking division. The reorgan-ization includes 5,000 redundancies and £90 million of the

money is for severance payments. The remaining £35 million will cover the reorganization of the branch network and the head office's move from London to the West Midlands.

The bank has also set aside £76 million against its interest-rate swap contracts with local authorities, £16 million more than most estimates. TSB was a leader in swap business with councils, and the money covers all its agreements with more than 50 councils, Half the amount is for Hammersmith Council which has been unable to meet its commitments, and is of Appeal next week.

"I'm rather bot about this subject," said Sir Nicholas Goodison, the chairman. "I was brought up in a world where contract meant

Profits at the bank, which fell 15

per cent to £289 million, were hit by a £51 million rise in bad debt provisioning. This included £9 million for loans to two management buy-outs, believed to be Magnet and Lowndes Queensway. There was also a £13 million

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provision against Third World debts. TSB has very few of these, and its exposure has now fallen to less than £17 million, or 36 per cent of its nominal value.

Profits were also reduced by a £2 million loss at its estate agencies, compared with profits of £9 million last year, while a change in accounting led to gilts profits falling by £23 million. A squeeze in margins on mortgage lending saw a further fall of £35 million, despite a 16 per cent rise in the total of loans

outstanding to £5.66 billion. Th bank was also hit by a 20 per cent rise in staff costs to £655 million, as staff numbers swelled by 3,600 to 45,800. The extra costs outweighed the business the bank gained in the year. The group's loan book grew by 29 per cent to £14.4 billion, while deposits grew 14 per cent to £21.5 billion. The biggest change in the loan book was a 50 per cent gain in corporate lending

In contrast to the fall in profits in retail banking there was an increase in profits of 8 per cent to £86 million in the insurance and investment division. The commercial businesses, including Swan National car rental, rose by £6 million to £34 million.

In the past year since he became

a complete reorganization of the group. All the retail bank's operations have been grouped into one subsidiary, ending its previous federal structure and making it easier to manage. He has also halved the size of the board and sacked many senior managers. In November, TSB followed this by announcing up to 5,000 redundancies and a cut in the area office

network from 50 to 21. Mr Don McCrickard, the group chief executive, said the reorganization that had started in the group meant the board could now

Banks' £400m averts crisis at Eurotunnel

By John Bell, City Editor

Eurotunnei has confirmed that the funding crisis which threatened to halt work on the cross-Channel link is over.

Leaders of the 208-strong banking consortium backing the project have agreed to make available up to £400 million so that work can continue beyond the end of the month.

The release of fresh funds from the existing £5 billion loan facility follows an outline agreement between Euro-tunnel and Transmanche Link, the Anglo-French construction company building the tunnel.

The two parties have three months to settle the fine print of the agreement — which brings to an end months of acrimonious dispute over the soaring costs of the project.

The outline agreement confirms that the final cost of all work will be £7.2 billion, including an unspecified pro-vision for contingencies, and er figure of more not the b than £7.5 billion which had been claimed by TML.

TML and Eurotunnel also confirmed that the completion date remains June 1993. The updated forecasts are to be published in April.

The lead banks have accepted the TML-Eurotunnel accord and recommend it to the full consortium. Final acceptance by the bankers is expected early in

February and will pave the way for a further fund raising of about £1.6 billion by the end of the year. A quarter of

these funds will be provided satisfactorily. The key part of through a rights issue of equity the project - the "target cost" or subordinated debt. A state-- has been raised from £1.3 ment from Mr André Bénard and Mr Alastair Morton, Eurotunnel's joint chairmen, welcomes both agreements. But they say there is a need

the efficiency of the construction and single out the slower-than-expected progress made by the five British Comment.

members of the TML consortium, BICC, Costain, Tarmac, Taylor Woodrow and

The French marine tunnel is running up to 14 weeks ahead of schedule, say the cochairmen, but "the British marine running tunnels are only just starting to make

A statement from Eurotunnel says most of the builders have been resolved



billion to £1.58 billion and TML has agreed to meet 30 per cent of cost overruns without limit. TML's exposure had been capped to a 6 for further improvements to per cent overrun. TML's fees for the procurement of equipment, previously open-ended and

estimated at £73 million, will be capped at £60 million. New targets have been introduced which mean that TML can earn completion bonuses of up to £20 million. But there are penalties of a similar amount for falling behind.

The co-chairmen say that vigorous attention will be paid to cost cutting and Eurotunne is slicing its supervision overhead by 25 per cent. The reduction of the shuttle train respectable progress and are maximum running speed, part now three to four months of the cost-saving programme, behind schedule." sacrifice to capacity or revenue, they added. This will be issues in dispute with the achieved by using more powerful locomotives.

TML, which is contractually prevented from commenting on the project, is believed to regard the agreement with Eurotunnel as satisfactory, but is clearly expecting to recover the full £380 million in dispute on lump sum works through

TML is thought to regard the rise in the agreed cost of target works as fair compensation for the extra exposure to cost overruns. A key factor was, in TML's view, Eurotunnel cutting its own costs.

Engineer takes £9m majority stake in Riva

to £4.91 billion.



Model purchase: Gino Gervasoni, president of Riva, and Peter Ward, Rolls-Royce Motor Cars' chief executive, yesterday

ickers powers into luxury boats

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

That Rolls-Royce among power boats, some of the remaining shares, have with design contributions from Ferrari, acquired by Vickers, of which Rolls Royce Motors itself is a subsidiary.

And Vickers has made a good deal in securing 75 per cent of the privately owned Riva company for £9.1 million. Riva had pre-tax profits last time of £2.5 million on sales of £19.8 million, in a luxury market which has been growing and which is expected to expand further.

Riva powerboat buffs have included heads of state like King Husain and the Aga Khan and entertainers like Rod Stewart and Joan Collins. In the deal, a 55 per cent stake has been sold by Schroders' Italian Venture Fund. Some of the remaining 20 per cent sold includes holdings by Riva family interests. Management and workers, who hold

the Italian-produced Riva, is being apparently been enthusiastic about the luxury car maker. Ferrari, Riva and Vickers moving in because it can give the operation the kind of big-company financial backing it needs. Riva was founded by the family in

1842 and it builds up to 60 powerboats a year at a modern facility on Lake Iseo near Milan with 120 employees, many of them highly skilled craftsmen. Last November Riva bought a controlling interest in Campanella, whose boatyard near Genoa has given Riva extra capacity and the facilities for building larger craft.

Riva claims to be Europe's premier maker of luxury power boats in the 26- to 60-ft range. Prices range from £170,000 to £1.5 million.

Its new Riva 32 has been developed

Rolls-Royce have been involved for some time in a joint marketing promotion through Symbol, the quality image

The Aquarama has been one of Riva's best known boats and at the top of the Riva range is the Black Corsair. The highly streamlined vessels, often with an open cockpit because of their use in the Mediterranean and similar climates, can travel at 40 knots or more. One thing the acquisition is unlikely to

bring is the use of a Rolls-Royce engine in a Riva boat. This is because a modern Rolls-Royce engine has never been adapted for marine use and the tendency now is for these engines to be designed

Toyota to take Inchcape stake

By Michael Tate, London, and Joe Joseph, Tokyo

manufacturer, has agreed to Toyota franchise when the take a 4.7 per cent stake in existing arrangements, which Inchcape, its British distribhave been in place for 25 years, expire at the end of this utor, as part of a £110 million year, but will also have an immediate beneficial impact deal that will cement relationships between the two groups until well into the 21st on Inchcape's balance sheet.

The deal, under which Toyota will eventually take a Toyota will pay £60 million controlling interest in Toyota (GB), Inchcape's Toyota-distributing subsidiary, comes for 51 per cent of Toyota (GB) which take 5 per cent in March this year, a further 20 per cent in July, 1993 and the remaining 26 per cent in January, 1998. Crucially, the entire payment will be made in the control of Tougha's and profitable distribution distribution distribution distribution distribution distributi as the Japanese group prepares to build its first factories in Britain, in a move expected to double Toyota sales here by payment will be made up As a key element of the deal,

Toyota (GB) has been front, in March. awarded exclusive rights to distribute Toyota vehicles in At the same time, Toyota will subscribe for 4.7 per cent Britain for the next 18 years. of Inchcape itself, at 287p a

Toyota, Japan's biggest car Inchcape's retaining the announcement. This investment, described by both parties as "symbolic" and accom-

panied by a standstill agreement, is worth £50.4 million. Sir George Turnbull, Inchcape's chairman and chief executive, who described the agreement as "both unique and historic," said the cash would initially be used to reduce the group's borrowings, currently about a third of

hicles in Britain for the next 18 years." In a statement released in

Tokyo, Mr Shoichiro Toyoda, Toyota's president, said: The agreement not only re- share, a 5 per cent discount to "Now that we are making a moves any doubts about its market price before the substantial investment in of Hartwell's own broker.

elopment of our relationship with Inchcape provides us with the strength and security essential to the success of our long-term operations in this important market." News of the deal was well

received by the market in London, where shares in Inchcape closed 5p higher at 307p after touching 310p. • The Jameel Group, the Saudi Arabian Toyota franchise-holder bidding £151 mil-lion for Hartwell, the Oxford motor dealer, claims that the outlook is bleak for its target the

Its offer document says that the price, 136p in cash, represents a prospective exit price/earnings multiple of almost 20, based on the forecast

Survey of receiverships shows squeeze is having desired effect

The heat goes out of the South-east cent more than in 1988. By contrast,

By Graham Searjeant Financial Editor

The number of small company receiverships in London and the South-east almost doubled in the last quarter of 1989 compared with the previous year, according to a new City survey. And the surge is likely to continue into 1990, fuelled by continuing high interest rates and the squeeze on spending.

The South is hardest hit. In the last quarter of 1989, 70 per cent more companies were put in receivership than in the same period in 1988 and 94 per cent more in London and the South-east.

Over 1989 as a whole, 1,187 companies were put in receivership, 38 per cent more than in 1988. Of these 618 more than half - were in London and the South-east, 52 per cent more than in 1988. There was, however, an even steeper rise in the Midlands, where 166 firms had a receiver appointed, 89 per

there were fewer failures in Scotland and the South-west and little change in the North-west. The figures confirm that the credit squeeze has had the desired effect of blowing away the froth of consumer and housing demand in the overheated parts of the country without so far hitting industry hard in the regions.

Mr Tim Hayward, corporate recovery partner of Peat Marwick McLintock, the

accountancy firm that produced the survey, said there appeared to have been a shift in receiverships towards the service sector and towards smaller firms and that few big manufacturing companies had so far been affected.

He said the upward trend in defaults

was likely to continue. "Interest rates

will continue to have an effect in the

South-east particularly, and the uniform business rate could well be a catalyst that tips borderline companies into receivership or liquidation.

But he cautioned against drawing catastrophic inferences from the sharp rise in defaults because 1988 had been a buoyant year in which many fewer companies went into receivership than normal. The rate of defaults is also still below the level in the mid-eighties.

The figures confirm that the sectors most affected have been property and retailers selling goods linked to removals, such as carpets and furniture.

It also shows that three accountancy firms have established a clear lead over all others in the receiving and managing sector. Cork Gully, the specialist di-vision of Coopers & Lybrand, was appointed to 150 firms, Grant Thornton to 110 and Peat Marwick to 107. No other firms account for more than 70.

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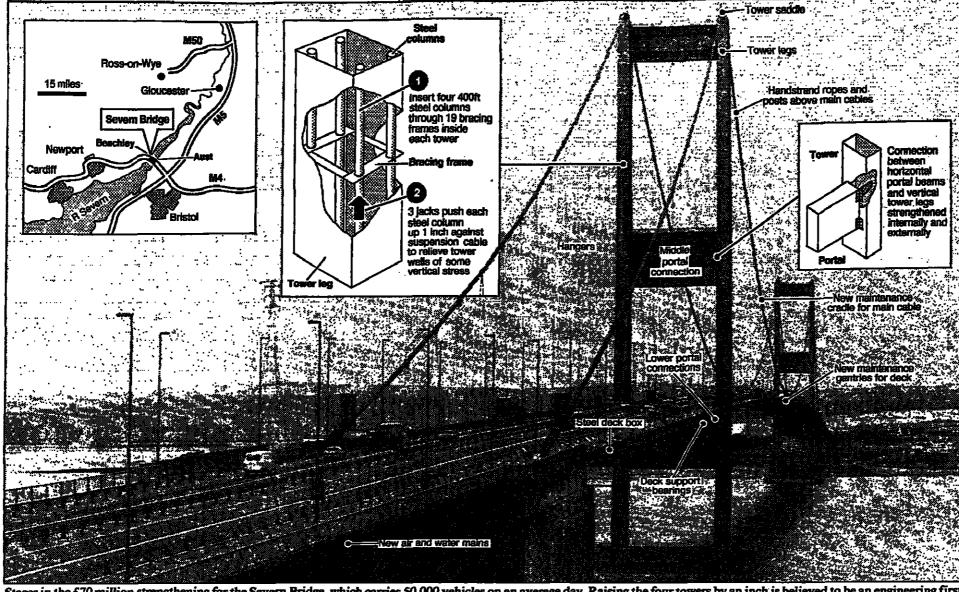
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Stages in the £70 million strengthening for the Severn Bridge, which carries 50,000 vehicles on an average day. Raising the four towers by an inch is believed to be an engineering first

By Nick Nuttall Technology Correspondent.

operation, workers last night began raising the twin towers of the Severn Bridge to allow it to take the strain of traffic increases until 2110.

final phase of a £70 million project to strengthen the 1½-mile bridge. The work has been planned to avoid disruption to traffic on the M4 carriageways linking England and Wales. The operation will bring more than 2,000 tennes of pressure to bear across four points at the base of the towers as the top rises

the towers, making them more capable of coping with modern leads. Over the past two years, engineers have fitted four steel columns into each of the towers, using 48 powerful jacks at their bases. To ensure that the columns do not not wobble or slide during the lift, braces have been bolted to the inside of the towers at intervals of about 20 feet. At the saddles or

will take the pressure of the rising columns and ensure that the steel rods do not burst through the top. During the operation, steel wedges will be inserted to support the jacks as the columns rise by fractions of an inch each day. When the task is completed, the jacks will be removed and the wedges will take the full force. The bridge, the world's seventh longest, was opened by the Queen in September 1966.

UDA leader 'held for questioning by Stevens'

By Edward Gorman Irish Affairs Correspondent

Mr Tommy Lyttle, the West Belfast leader of the Protestant paramilitary Ulster Defence Association, was arrested early yesterday for questioning by the Stevens inquiry, his family said.

Reports said Mr Lyttle was among four "loyalists" arrested in dawn operations in Belfast by RUC officers acting on behalf of the inquiry led by Mr John Stevens, deputy chief constable of Cambridgeshire, into allegations of collusion between Protestant paramilitaries and security force members. The arrests, which official police

sources refused to confirm, are the second batch this year for the Stevens team. Last week a number of "loyalists" were detained, some of whom were being charged yesterday with offences connected with alleged leaks of security documents and "associated matters"

Mr Lyttle is on the UDA's socalled "inner council" and is regarded as the most influential figure in the organization.

Meanwhile, a fire which badly

damaged the headquarters of the Stevens team late on Wednesday evening was being described in some reports as an accident but there was widespread speculation that it may have been started deliberately.

The fire, at offices in the Sea Park complex at Carrickfergus, east of Belfast, was discovered at about 10.45pm. It was confined to the main operations room where files of evidence, cabinets and computer terminals were damaged or destroyed. In a statement, the police described the damage as extensive.

known. Stevens' officers had been in the room until 10pm when they locked it. Other members of the team who came on duty 45 minutes later discovered the fire.

In a separate statement, Mr Stevens attempted to head off the inevitable speculation about arson. He emphasized that the fire had started in a locked room and, despite the damage, "would not impede the current investigation" or "vigorous progress of the enquiry". He said that all records and files had been duplicated.

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operating from an old factory now owned by the Northern Ireland police authority which is under permanent armed guard. ● A soldier appeared before mag-istrates in Belfast yesterday accused

of trying to murder policemen arresting of 28 Ulster Defence Regiment soldiers on behalf of the Stevens enquiry last October.

John Miskelly, aged 22, of St Leonard's Crescent, Belfast, who is a full-time soldier in the Royal Irish Rangers, is alleged to have fired shots at police. No one was injured.

Political sketch

Not to be read over breakfast

"Mad Cow Disease" reached fever-pitch yesterday, the Prime Minister stormed in dressed in stunning purple.

David Curry — yes, right again. As a team, they looked like those squads of Bible.

It was Agriculture Questions. She settled on to the green bench like an animated aubergine on a greengrocer's plastic-grass mat.

David Maclean, the junior minister, looked rattled. It was too late to stop. He was just reaching his peroration. "And Mr Speaker," he

appealed at top volume, "it or not the animal's head was cut off before it went into the slaughterhouse because the relevant offals" (he was yell-ing, now) "are removed from all the animals' heads!" Got it? First remove offals from head: then remove head

"Hear, hear!" yelled his backbench colleagues. Mrs Thatcher looked a touch queasy, a touch bemused. Mr Maclean had left so much unanswered. What are the relevant offals"? What are the irrelevant offals?

We know where the rele vant ones go. Maclean told. us. It was, he said "a belt and braces job". The "offals go into the offals beg". "That"

he added, "is the braces". Sorry, Minister, but what is the braces? Not the offals, surely? I glanced suspiciously at the elegant red braces of the magnificent Nicholas Soames (Crawley) sitting behind Mr Maclean. Soames seemed vast today, even for Soames. I looked again. It wasn't Soames. It was two thin Tories in thin red ties, sitting next to each other. I hope that's clear on TV.

For this was the first Agriculture Questions to be televised: and didn't you know it! Ms Jo Richardson drifted past in a sort of lavender veil. In the face of the advancing cameras, every citadel tumbles! This splendidly feminist Labour MP for Barking, who used to dress à la Prisoner of Cell Block H, now resembled some minor

As for the team of Agriculture Ministers, their boss, John Gummer, wore neat suit, white shirt, smart tie and glasses. His hair was smoothly combed. "Come on, duck-head" Dennis Skinner kept shouting at him. David Maclean wore - you

Just as the exchanges on guessed it — neat suit, white "Mad Cow Disease" reached shirt, smart tie and glasses. toting Seventh Day Adventists that rat-a-tat politely on your front door as you glower through the keyhole ... "Not today thank-you ... Ne Pm not interested in the After-Life ... Just running a bath -if I'm damned, I'm damned

Your sketchwriter drifted into a flight of fantasy. John door. Behind him, in clean white mackintoshes, were MacLean and Curry, toting clip-boards and micro-wave

"No thanks. I know how to cook scrambled-egg already
... What's that? Bovine ongiform? Don't care ... Look if I get Listeria it's nobody's business but my own. Please go away ..."
Teresa Gorman (C, Bill ericay) brought me back with a jolt to reality. She spoke,

farmers of Billericay. Ah, noble mbune! come with salmonella like chickens come with feathers so what was all the fuss? 'My hon friend," purred "is a doughty

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dustry." Look good on a gravestone, wouldn't it? TERESA GORMAN 1941 - 2041 MP for Billericay and Doughty Fighter for the Chicken Industry. 'And all the trumpets sounded

Agriculture - is off to On Health, the jury is still out. "Ignorant twat!" shouted Labour's Andrew Faulds. later, as Kenneth Clarke defended his handling of the ambulance dispute. "Mr Deputy Speaker, is

on the other side."

ary expression?" asked Jerry Hayes (C, Harlow), in voluble form. Earlier when a letter from 1978 outlining Mrs Thatcher's definition of "emergency services" was attributed directly to her, Hayes was on his feet. "That was written by Matthew Parris" he protested. Where is he?" came the cry. Where indeed!

Matthew Parris

Union fear as ambulance crews strike

know they are angry but we are going to win this dispute by exercising the power of the people."

With crews in Hampshire also planning to hold a series of 24-hour strikes the leadership knows that the overwhelming public support it

At first, crews at four West Sussex stations, Crawley, East Grinstead, Horsham and Littlehampton walked out on strike. The crews at Horsham and Littlehampton later returned to report for limited duty within TUC guidelines. Mr Andy Lawrence, spokes-

calls had been put through to this action. It is unjustified." the station during the morning but crews had refused to deal with them. "They were told their pay would be stopped so we walked out."

Mr Alan Randall, district neral manager for the Worthing health authority, which in Oxfordshire.

enjoys could be seriously man for the ambulance work- covers the area's ambulance | Continued from page 1 ers at Crawley, said six 999 service, said: "We condemn

After the London sit-in, Mr Crosby accused the unions of trying to take over the control room at the headquarters. Army ambulances were

called out in Surrey and Essex and were also ready for action

Gorbachov puts his case to Lithuania quish their suspicion of Mos- have to modernize the cul- market prices you'll end up in

and did not attend the rally, is visiting Lithuania in an attempt to solve the impasse created by Lithuania's decision to create a Communist Party independent from Moscow. On one of his now flexibility. "I'm not going to traditional walkabouts, he change my attitude and pos-urged Lithuanians to relinition," he told the crowd. "We

reformed Soviet Union.

He suggested that on the question of the Lithuanian party's independence, mind was made up, but that there was room for a degree of

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ties between our different republics instead of just destroying everything. Therefore we need a totally different federation where political sov-

ereignty is fully guaranteed.

"If we give you economic dealy switch on to world

Although the Soviet leader's arrival had been postponed for a day and the time of his arrival had not been announced, huge crowds gathered in the city centre.

Mr Gorbachov and his wife independence and you sud- Raisa laid flowers at the foot of a statue of Lenin.

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23 Name in order, alphabetically 25 Craft are moored in a landingplace (9).

27 Mr Winkle, for example, is a master of the dramatic bon-mot

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28 From Irish house I brought back epic tale (5).

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15 Hated new carriage creating dangerous situation (5-4). 17 Wins against one hundred poli-

18 Divinity can be puzzle, I assume

20 Calamitous end of aircraft shown by rising smoke (6). 21 Various creatures Alice upset in trying circumstances (7). 22 Disorder occurs in plant (6).

24 Reduce the glare (5).

Concise Crossword, page 20

26 Latecomer's last in joint effort

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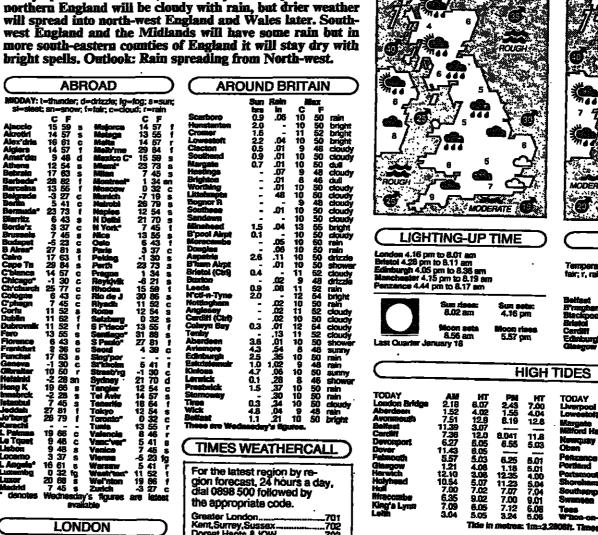
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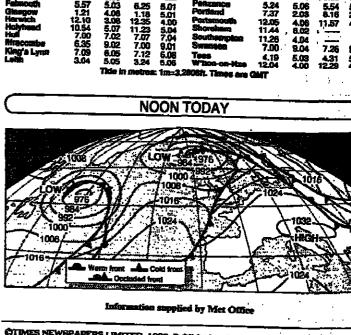
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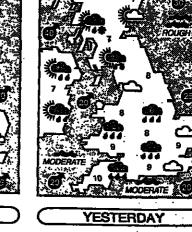




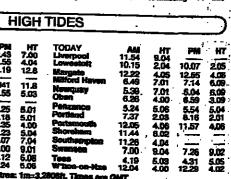
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ADED OPTIONS

Stingy Rowe row bubbles on bling into their champagne glasses after learning that Rowe & Pitman had quibbled with the all-too-modest request for a case of champagne from Martin Ritchie, the young chartered surveyor who - and returned - bonds to the value of £4 million. indeed, Simon Hughes, the Member of Parliament for Bermondsey, yesterday tabled an early day motion to "commend" his honesty and to 'urge" Rowe & Pitman to give him "a reward slightly more appropriate to the amount of money he saved them." He sted a figure of £2,500, to cover Ritchie's overdraft, while a leading loss adjuster resested that 10 per cent of the amount recovered was the norm. Rowe & Pitman sent Ritchie, who works for Baker, Hatris, Saunders, in Gutter

> Ritchie's original request for a • Life must be getting tough in the City. A pin-striped gent at a Tube station in the Square file was overheard asking the ticket office clerk: "Is there

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Southern 'not worried' by 13% MAM stake

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

Mr William Courtney, chairowned investment subsidiary large interests, but where the water groups — Southern, of SG Warburg Group, whose French group did not buy Yorkshire, South West and man of Southern Water, said of SG Warburg Group, whose French group did not buy securities business was broker shares just after flotation. Mr he was not concerned at the 13 per cent shareholding built up to the Government for water hy funds invested by Mercury Asset Management, by far the biggest stake disclosed in a ket-making operations, in breaking up the packages of water shares initially sold to send out statutory notices to financial institutions.

Although MAM has acquired stakes in all 10 water groups on behalf of various clients, its buying has concentrated on those thought by some to be the targets of the three big French water groups. It has a 10 per cent combined holding in Wessex, where Compagnie Lyonnaise des Eaux bought 6 per cent, as well funds and insurance com- as 7 per cent of Anglian, where Lyonnaise owns 9 per cent.

It has also bought 10 per cent of Northumbrian, in MAM is the 75 per cent whose region Lyonnaise has

to the Government for water privatization and played the leading role, through its mar-said his company was relaxed about the MAM stake.

There was also speculation that Yorkshire and South West, where MAM has accumulated 10 per cent, were targets of Compagnie Génerale des Eaux, the biggest French water group. The third, Saur, bought control of three private water companies in the Southern area, in which Southern picked up blocking 25 per cent minority stakes.

and Southern have come together in Stalwart Environmental Services, which has bid for local authority waste disposal contracts.

Northumbrian - reported profits for the six months to end-September, before the capital re-organization and privatization, and all said they were on target to meet prospectus profit forecasts.

Southern recorded after-interest profits of £24.4 million, equivalent to £38.3 million, or 23.4p per share, after the capital reorganization. Extraordinary privatization costs were £3.4 million.

Meanwhile, Yorkshire made £17.4 million before extraordinary costs of £5.3 Since then, however, Saur

South West made £17.8 million before extraordinary costs of only £1.5 million and Northumbrian recorded £3.8 rour more of the privatized costs of £2.5 million.

Squeeze on NatWest eyes EC targets



On the look-out: Lord Alexander, chairman of NatWest

Lord Alexander of Weedon chairman of National Westminster Bank, says the bank is looking for acquisitions or joint ventures in Europe in

preparation for 1992. In his first public appear ance since taking over last October, he announced in a speech in Brussels that the bank wanted to expand its operations in the EC. It is looking at alliances and marketing agreements as well as outright acquisitions. He stressed, however, that the search was at an early stage

and refused to reveal any possible targets. Mr John Tugwell, the bank's international business chief executive, said the Nat-West was more interested in taking stakes in broad-based financial service companies than acquiring a retail bank. Lord Alexander was in

Brussels on a two-day visit to talk to Sir Leon Brittan, the competition and financial services commissioner, and other commission officials about Enrope's banking industry. Nat West already has one of

the most advanced European networks of any British bank. employing more than 1,000 people in 10 of the 12 EC member states.

The chairman also said he supported Britain's entry into the EC's exchange rate mechanism, and that the question should be resolved sooner rather than later.

But he called for a reduction in interest rates to bring them

Pact for hotel group is rejected

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By Stephen Leather

Lady (Eileen) Joseph has suggested a compromise pact to resolve the struggle for control of Norfolk Capital, the hotel group in which she holds a crucial 7 per cent stake.

Balmoral, the recentlyformed international hotels group based in Edinburgh, wants Norfolk's shareholders to elect three of its executives to the main board and to force the managing director, Mr Peter Eyles, to resign.

Lady Joseph, widow of Sir Max Joseph and followed by many of Norfolk's 20,000 small shareholders, has in-stead suggested that Balmoral's managing director, Mr Peter Tyrie, join the board and work with Mr Eyles.

However, the suggestion, by Lady Joseph and Mr Tony Good, a director controlling about 3 per cent of Norfolk equity, has been vehemently rejected by both sides.

Mr Tyrie, who built up Gleneagles Hotels in Scotland and the Mandarin Oriental group in the Far East, said that Mr Eyles's resignation was necessary for the restructuring of Norfolk Capital,

Norfolk's chairman, Mr Tony Richmond-Watson, said that Mr Tyrie could become an active competitor, and that he and Mr Eyles considered Lady Joseph's idea as "totally impracticable".

Mr Tyrie wants sharehold ers to appoint himself and his colleagues, Mr Michael Williams and Mr Colin Wear mouth, to the board so that they can turn Norfolk into a five-star hotel group, without a full takeover bid, and sell its non-core public house and leisure interests.

Mr Tyrie said: "We have identified that there are a lot of assets in Norfolk which largely don't work for the

Balmoral, with almost 13 per cent, is Norfolk's biggest shareholder. Norfolk shareholders will vote on Mr Tyrie's proposals at a meeting on January 29. The Balmoral men are in

London making presentations to institutions, who hold some 60 per cent of Norfolk's equity. They are also telephoning small shareholders. Mr Richmond-Watson said: "The management of a listed company by another company

is entirely inappropriate." Balmoral hopes to persuade shareholders to pay a £500,000 annual fee, and of up to £7 million.

COMMENT The lesson to be learned

from Eurotunnel agony

find a failure of private enterprise in the tribulations of Eurotunnel. The costs of the project have spiralled, progress has been slower than expected and there have even been suggestions that it may fail altogether. These depressing facts have a familiar ring to those who recall the fate of some recent large-scale publicly financed projects - the nuclear power station programme has contained some prime examples. Yet the highly public and acrimonious dispute over costs between Eurotunnel, which has the concession to operate the project, and Transmanche Link, the construction consortium building it, is evidence that the discipline of the market place, far from failing, is alive and working.

It is hardly surprising that the original estimates for the cost and duration of a pioneering infrastructure project, with no easy examples to copy, should have gone astray. The correctness of the decision to award the concession to privately funded interests will be measured against their response to these initial setbacks. Yesterday's agreements between Eurotunnel. its bankers and TML are encouraging on that score.

They show that the completion date of June 1993 is still intact, that the dispute between TML and Eurotunnel, barring some matters sent for arbitration, has been largely resolved and that the cost over-runs, however unpleasant for shareholders, remain fundable within the normal commercial criteria of some hardnosed bankers.

The accord between TML and Eurotunnel is complex. It does remove the cap on tunnelling costs which absolved TML from a share of the pain above a 6 per cent over-run. But there is a sliding scale which appears to benefit TML if tunnelling costs emerge at the lower end of the range. Over all, the new arrangement provides incentive for TML to keep costs down and penalizes it if they

The lump sum works, such as terminals and railways, are still subject to arbitra-

It has been easy for those who hanker tion, but TML has agreed to continue for a return of corporatist Britain to working while the disagreement is settled. The burden of proof appears to lie with TML, which has to produce substantial evidence for its £300 million or so of claims. It is not yet known if the contingency items built into the new costings allow in full for arbitration in favour of the constructors.

TML and Eurotunnel have also agreed on a cost containment programme and confirmed the 1993 completion date.

The final cost emerges at £7.2 billion assuming completion is on target, including the unspecified contingency provisions. Eurotunnel's bankers are agreed in principle to a fund-raising of about £1.2 billion, and should confirm so by early next month.

Barring the cloud over arbitration, and the possibility of tough bank terms for the extra funding, the tunnel's prospects look brighter now. This is just as well. A failure would have threatened many privately funded infrastructure projects in the planning or ideas stage.

There are, though, some lessons for the future. Much of the recent agony generated by the row over Eurotunnel costings could have been avoided or minimized at an earlier stage in the proceedings by a swifter separation of the roles of promoter and constructor. The builders planned and managed the early stages of the scheme and had a large say in the contract. At that time, Eurotunnel was still controlled by the companies which now form TML. There is inevitably a conflict of interest between an operator like Eurotunnel and the constructors of a project which should be recognized long before costings and contracts are prepared. It may be an exaggeration to say that TML agreed the contract with itself, but not much of one.

Closer attention to the details of planning, design and management before work was seriously under way by those with Eurotunnel shareholders' interests solely in mind could have avoided most of Eurotunnel's recent difficulties. If that lesson is well taken, future ventures will find risk capital easier to arrange.

Warning signs for Major

graphic evidence as any that the credit squeeze is working, and of exactly how it is working. Receiverships accelerated sharply in the fourth quarter, rising more than 70 per cent against the comparable quarter of 1988 compared with a 38 per cent rise over the year as a whole. The figure for London and the South-east, which accounted for more than half the total receiverships, was up 94 per cent in the last quarter against 52 per cent for the year. By contrast, there were actually fewer receiverships in the year in Scotland and the South-west and the total was little

changed in the North-west. If this is a big, painful shakeout, it is at least a healthy one. Leaner, fitter

he sharp rise in receiverships is as manufacturers have fared relatively well, while service industries in the overcooked South-east, notably property and retailers of carpets, furniture and the like, have suffered most.

Tim Hayward, of Peat Marwick McLintock, who produced the comprehensive survey, says things are still getting worse, but are nowhere near as bad as in the mid-Eighties and largely affect smaller firms from an abundant new crop.

The message is clear. Little irreparable damage has so far been done by the squeeze, which looks a reasonable cost for cutting inflation. But the warning signs are there that the Chancellor should not squeeze a moment longer than necessary.

Daily Mail Trust reports £113.3m

Street to new editorial and printing premises, coupled with other reorganizations, cost The Daily Mail and General Trust a gross £75.4 million in the year ended

September 30. Daily Mail and General Trust, owner of two national newspapers and other local papers and now remodelled as a company following its earher acquisition of Associated Newspapers Holdings, shows pre-tax profits of £113.3 mil-

£592.4 million. A final dividend of 75p will be paid, making 100p. Comparative figures are meaningless.

Comparative figures are, however, given for Associated Newspapers Holdings group and show a trading profit of £63.4 million (£60.2 million) from continuing activities' turnover of £613.1 million (£543.5 million).

The Daily Mail and General Trust's trading profit of £56.9

Costs of moving from Fleet lion for the year ended million was made up of profits 100p compares with a pre-September on a turnover of of £60.4 million from newspapers and magazines less a debit of £3.5 million from other activities.

> Exceptional items totalled £60.3 million — made up of a £181.9 million profit on the sale of investments but offset by reorganization and redundancy costs of £75.4 million, a £29.7 million write-down on investments, and a £16.5 million debit covering special

pension contributions. The year's total dividend of £1 to £61 each.

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The group added that circulation of the Daily Mail was "slightly down" year on year but was holding up well, while circulation of the Mail on Sunday remained in an upward trend.

Control of the Daily Mail and General Trust lies with the Harmsworth family, holding 72 per cent of the votes. The non-voting shares rose by

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Global job for Lyon

Peter Lyon, a director at County NatWest WoodMac, responsible for asset allocanty NatWest WoodMac, onsible for asset alloca-at County NatWest national economist. Outside Investment Management for the past five years, has resigned and will be join Smith New Court - as its global strategist - at the beginning of March. Lyon, aged 49, and also once head of described as a "very important SNC. "We appointed Paul Walton, from Warburgs, as our UK strategist and Peter completes the picture. He will Double trouble

trade in every major market in the world - and most of the minor ones as well." Meanwhile SNC has also just started its own smaller comaged 49, and also once head of panies unit - by recruiting research at Vickers, before it analysts Mary Fleming and merged with Scringeour, is Alastair Irving, and specialist described as a "very important salesman Owen Smythe, all appointment" by Mike from ANZ-McCaughan. They Unsworth, head of research at started on Monday. "Although we have a lot of corporate clients in this area, it is a new area for us," says Unsworth.

Tired and emotional financial hacks covering the YJ Lovell



takeover bid for Higgs and Hill might well be forgiven for thinking they have seen double. For visitors to the Higgs and Hill front line have found themselves introduced to not one John Reynolds, but two. And sometimes by one to the other. The double-take is unavoidable because both Higgs and Hill's financial adviser, Schroders, and its public rela-tions adviser, Shandwick, have a John Reynolds in the team. "It's been confusing for us, too," laughs the Shandwick man, a former Extel financial journalist. "I've had merchant bankers ringing me up and hailing me as a long lost friend, and my namesake

mine accusing him of being a

drunken, old back."

a drink

The saga of Daniel Jeffreys'

dinner suit looks like reaching

a happier conclusion than that of his £5,000 car parking bill. Following the revelation in the City Diary about the £400 hire fees outstanding on the white-tie suit - since it was hired in October and has yet to be returned - Jeffreys, in his first week as Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers' UK equity strategist, tells me that he has since spoken to Sidney Lipman, who owns the hire shop. "He told me that because I was such a nice man. if I brought a bottle of champagne, and drank it with him, he was sure that we would be able to reach an amicable agreement," Jeffreys says. "I suggested vintage Bollinger but he insisted that it had to be Dom Perignon (£68 a bottle)." Jeffreys claims that the situation over the dinner suit arose because "my exgirlfriend promised to take it back to the hirer and then failed to do so." However, his private life seems to be in a little bit of a tangle at the moment. For the said girlfriend tells me that she was in fact Jeffreys' fiancée until just

● An interesting snippet of information: James Capel, referred to in passing in yesterday's City Diary story about Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers as leading the field with 6 per cent of the UK that figure is now somewhat out of date. "We now have 9 has taken calls from chums of per cent," a spokesman tells

Carol Leonard



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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Waterford chief gives warning of closure

Mr Patrick Galvin, the chief executive of Waterford Wedgwood of Ireland, yesterday gave a warning that the company could collapse if its 2,000 crystal workers do not accept management cost-cutting plans. Industry sources say that Mr Tony O'Reilly, the chairman of HJ Heinz, the US food group, has assembled a group of investors in his Fitzwilton industrial holding group to bid for a 29.9 per cent stake — valued at 1r£70 million (£66.5 million) — in

This crystal and china group has estimated debts of Ir£150 million and British and US sales have slumped. News of the proposed deal sent Waterford shares up by 4p to 57p on Monday. They alipped 1p to 51p yesterday.

No referral for BET bid

The Department of Trade and Industry will not refer the £192 million agreed offer by BET, the specialist support services company, for Hestair to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. This week BET said it had won control of the consumer products group with a 52 per cent bolding, or 30.6 million

Neotronics advances

Neotronics Technology, the gas detection and analysis instrument maker, raised pre-tax profits from £1.83 million to £1.87 million reversing a recent trend although earnings per share slipped from 4.86p to 4.71p. A 1.2p final dividend makes an unchanged 1.8p for the year to end-September. The shares eased by 1p to 79p.

Hepworth expansion

Hepworth, the building products group, has announced a £15 million investment programme which will launch the group's largest divison, Hepworth Building Products, into concrete pipe and manhole manufacturing by 1991. The move is designed to take advantage of the proposed improvements and extensions of Britain's roads and motorways.

A new plant, which will be built on a greenfield site at Elistown in Leiszentwhim will have a stacking facility.

Ellistown, in Leicestershire, will have a stocking facility covering an area of 38,000 square metres, said to make it the largest and most cost-effective in Europe. The British large diameter market is expected to increase by 20 per cent over the next five years. The company says it is well positioned to take a significant share of this market.

Profits leap at Zetters

Zetters Group, the football pools promoter, saw a jump in pre-tax profits to £364,000 in the half-year to end-September, against last year's £114,000 which was depressed by the postal strike. The dividend is raised from 1.5p to 1.75p. Earnings per share trebled to 3.3p. Turnover was up from £10.9

LI offer goes unconditional

The 3-for-1 all-share offer for Leisure investments. owner of Lingfield racecourse, from Bear Brand has gone unconditional, with acceptances by the first closing date from bolders of 57 per cent of the ordinary shares. LI claims to have between 40 or 50 serious inquiries for Lingfield, which it is attempting to sell.

Nobo hit by costs rise

Shares in Nobo Group, the office equipment and visual aids manufacturer, tumbled 40p to 160p after it reported a 39.5 per cent fall in pre-tax profits to £1.17 million for the six months to end-October. Profits were hit by increased material costs and additional costs from the integration of the Velos stationery maker with Perforex. Increased borrowings led to a jump in interest payments from £94,000 to £315,000.

jump in interest payments from 294,000 to 2325,000.

Earnings per share fell from 10.40p to 7.26p. However, the interim dividend is improved to 2.42p (2.2p). Turnover advanced by 38 per cent to £12.4 million, helped by continued growth in demand. Mr Peter Kent, the chairman, said trading conditions are reasonable and a stronger performance is expected in the second half.

Sock Shop sought quick sale of US stores, says rival

From James Bone. New York

operations for no cash down to its competitor, Leg Room, but suspended talks to pursue negotiations with a private investor, the British head of Leg Room alleged yesterday.

Mr Simon Abrahams, president of Leg Room, said: "They offered the whole they wanted to save face with their stockholders in London and said I could take it for no cash down.'

Mr Abrahams claimed that he had requested more details about the company's 17 US stores, which were abruptly closed after the Christmas sales last month, but they were not supplied because Sock Shop entered discussions with

a private investor. "I am interested in some of their locations," he said. They have done a really bad job in America. They have paid way over market rents."

Once one of Britain's most successful retailers, Sock Shop is in negotiations with a potential partner who would potential US partner rer provide a cash infusion to a closely guarded secret. reopen the closed stores and expand its US business. But analysts and industry

sources said that the company, which has 121 shops in Europe, including 105 in

Sock Shop International of- Britain, would need new sites fered to sell its entire US if it is to restart its US

> Mr Kurt Baroard, publisher of Barnard's Retail Marketing Report, an industry newsletter, said: "They need other locations, they need better locations, and whoever steps in is going to determine that.

"They opened up stores in American division because areas where they should not have done. The kind of business they are in depends on a heavy flow of traffic, but they opened up stores where they did not draw enough of a

Mr Eric Smith, a sock designer who supplied Sock Shop, said the company may have made an error by going into expensive areas where the volume of business could not justify New York's high rents. Fourteen of Sock Shop's US

units were in New York City. Sock Shop also faced an increasingly crowded market as small copy-cat companies tried to imitate in the US its success in Britain.

The identity of Sock Shop's potential US partner remains Mr Barnard said that Sock Shop was too small in the US for large retail chains or

manufacturers to be terested. It would be an

"investment opportunity".



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Banking on rejuvenation at TSB

vinced they are now on the path to success. They still have ibility. to prove it to the City.

below most expectations. Pretax profits of £356 million before exceptional items were 15 per cent down. After provisions of £125 million for the reorganization of the bank network and £76 million for swap contracts with local councils, the decline was 63 per cent. The only bright spot was an 11 per cent rise in the year's dividend to 5.8p. The provisions, on exam-

ination, look over-eager. The £90 million set aside for 5,000 redundancies means an average severance payment of £18,000. But TSB expects half its job losses to come from natural wastage, so the figure rises to an unrealistic £36,000. Write-backs look inevitable and will swell future profits. Sir Nicholas's attempts to slash the costs of the retail bank's network have been applanded. What causes concern is TSB's policy on new business. Its corporate loan book grew 51 per cent last year to £4.91 billion. Faced with an economic downturn, most of TSB's competitors are reining

in their corporate business.

Times at TSB Group have wafer-thin margins. TSB been hard, but Sir Nicholas claims it is a prudent lender, Goodison and Mr Don but another sharp rise in bad McCrickard, the chairman debts, where provisions rose and chief executive, are con- 30 per cent to £245 million last year, looks a distinct poss-

In the longer term, TSB has The figures themselves were to alter its customer profile. It still has a lack of younger, wealthier clients. Without them, it will always have problems marketing highermargin financial services. TSB's rejuvenation is begin-

ning, as a fall in the cost-toincome ratio to 72.4 per cent, from 75 per cent at the balf year shows. But its market is growing more competitive daily, and it has at least four years' catching up to do.

Profits of £400 million are possible next year, putting the shares on a p/e of eight. High enough, given the risks of its recovery programme - but the outside chance of a takeover makes them worth

Inchcape

How better might Sir George Turnbull have chosen to celebrate his New Year knighthood than to seal Inchcape's crucial relationship with Toyota for another 18 years? Inchcape's Toyota connec-

tion, now in its silver jubilee year, was negotiated by Meanwhile, the bank's inchcape long before Sir mortgage book grew 16 per George took the Inchcape cent to £5.66 billion, albeit at wheel in 1986, but could not

Lending an ear: Sir Nicholas Goodison, TSB chairman, at yesterday's press conference

neared expiry date. It was doubtful, but possible, that the Japanese would dissolve the relationship at the end of this year. There would certainly have been a long queue of applicants had they

hosen to farm the distributorship out again. Understandably, however, they want to do the job themselves, and, wary of the heavy cost of building their own network, have struck

what appears to be a very

reasonable compromise. The distributorship alone should be worth more than £100 million to Incheape.

have been in better hands as it of earnings, discounted over the next eight years, on top of the £60 million, up-front purchase price. Toyota is likely to be paying about 10 times earnings for its 51 per cent.

But Inchcape also gets a straight £50 million equity injection, which should help wipe out what is left of Inchcape's debt in 1990. It should also inflate 1990 pre-tax profits by about £9 million to £202 million,

against the £175 million expected for 1989. The extra 17.5 million shares will soak up the surplus, however, preventing a corresponding rise in the 1990 eps from the expected 31.3p. At 307p, this leaves

Inchcape shares selling little

short of 10 years' earnings. Toyota may be said to have had the better of the deal, but Incheape has scarcely come out badly. Particularly considering the alternative.

Jones Stroud

Markets in knicker elastic, elastic yarns, tapes and insulation have been considered mature for decades, but Jones Stroud has nevertheless achieved remarkably consistent growth over a long period.

In each of the last five years,

mance than many others in the electricals sector, in which Jones Stroud is usually classified. This record did not pass unnoticed. The shares, which opened the 1980s at the equivalent of 35p, peaked at 275p a year ago, a fifth up on their pre-crash nigh.

Unfortunately, the com-pany is no longer firing on all cylinders. The warning in October that first-half results would suffer a setback has come true. Pre-tax profits fell by 6 per cent to £3.46 million and earnings by 7 per cent to 11.6p. A similar company warning has now come for full-year figures.

For once, both the textile and electrical sides have problems at the same time. In May, Jones Stroud closed its original core parrow fabrics business because of competition from imports, while demand for elastic yarn has been hit by the fall in stocking sales due to the hot summer. Domestic appliance makers have cut their requirements for insulation at a time when customers in the power generation industry are already depressed.

Full-year profits of £6.9 million and earnings of 23.6p would leave the shares at 230p on a prospective p/e ratio of 10 and the yield on the forecast annual dividends of 8p is 4.6 per cent. The company is as solid as ever, earnings and dividends have but it looks as if earnings are risen by more than 20 per cent going to stay on a plateau for on average, a better perfortibe next 18 months or so,

New Geest chief denies Fletsand 'to family stake is for sale

By Melinda Wittstock

Mr David Sugden, the new chief executive of Geest, the bananas and fresh produce group, has categorically denied market speculation that the van Geest family shareholding is up for sale.

Mr Sugden, who took over as chief executive from Mr Leonard van Geest yesterday after a highly successful four-year run as the company's finance director, also denied that the management change meant that the van Geest family, which owns a controlling 36 per cent stake, was losing interest in the

He said that Mr van Geest had planned to relinquish his job as chief executive and step back into the chairman's post on completion of the reorganization plan announced at the time of Geest's 1986 flotation and carried out by Mr Charles Bystram, the former United Biscuits managing director.

Mr Bystram, aged 58, who retires as Geest chairman when his contract expires on February 28, has recently been appointed deputy chairman of Stakis, the Scottish hotels and nursing homes group.

Geest now plans to make European acquisitions and to enter joint ventures in order to expand its fresh produce distribution network throughout

started to recover after its

long-running feud with Mr Ronnie Ben-Zur, the former

Mr Ben-Zur's 40 per cent

Pre-tax profits for the year

The final dividend is being

to end-September rose 13 per cent to £3.01 million.

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the 1988 interim dividend of

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chief executive.



the Continent in the lead-up to with the four Windward Is-1992, said Mr Sugden. It will lands in the Caribbean, but lands in the Caribbean, but also look at possibilities in analysts believe that Geest.

Eastern Europe. Geest is worried about the all bananas sold in the UK effect on its banana operations thanks to the protected marof forthcoming EC legislation threatening to dismantle the

13% rise to £3m

By Neil Bennett

PWS Holdings, the Lloyd's 3.5p. The figures included a reinsurance broker, has further £200,000 expenses in

writing off its investment in

GNA, the US healthcare in-

surance specialist which made

heavy losses and forced the

company to write off £5.5

PWS said the matter was

The company said it had

increased profits, despite

continued over-capacity in the

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now at an end.

protected market status of 1992, particularly if it plans to banana-growing former Brit- expand its sales in Europe. ish colonies, but is confident that it can quickly arrange other sources if need be.

expanding Geest's prepared It has an exclusive contract meals business.

buy 20% of Goldberg' By Gillian Bowditch

Charterhall, the mini-conglomerate run by Mr Russell Goward, the Australian entrepreneur, whose shares were suspended at 9½p before Christmas, is close to selling part of its 29.9 per cent stake in A Goldberg to Fletsand, the Lewis's department store group, for about 100p a share. It is believed that Fletsand will buy about 20 per cent of Goldberg.

Goldberg's shares slipped 2p to 105p yesterday. Charter-hall, which has been trying to sell its boldings in British companies for some time to reassure its Australian shareholders, is expected to make a loss of about £5 million on the deal

News of the deal was announced in Australia this week, much to the annoyance of Fletsand, which had not

Fletsand first expressed an interest in Goldberg during the £32 million bid by Blacks Leisure, which had the backing of Charterhall but which failed last year.

Fletsand had built up a 5.06 per cent stake in Goldberg by Christmas. Mr James Fyfe, Fletsand's chairman, refused to comment on the deal before its completion but reiterated

Groups join forces in £45m venture

Amec and Boddington are ington finance director, says planning a £45 million leisure development behind Black-pool's Golden Mile, to include a championship standard golf course, a hotel and 368 homes. The project will cover 205 acres at Stanley Park near the

resort centre. Amec is putting

up £30 million, and Boddington £15 million in the ioint venture. The plans include a 164bedroom hotel and leisure complex to be run by Boddington's Village Leisure

The golf course has been designed by Mr Peter Alliss and Mr Clive Clark, the former Ryder Cup pro-fessionals who are now BBC commentators.

Hotel subsidiary.

The whole project is expected to be completed by

the quality of the golf course is unrivalled, and it may be called Herons Reach. The move is the first of its

kind to be undertaken by Boddington since it sold its brewery operation to Waddington last autumn for £50.7 Mr Hubert Reid, managing director, said: "It underlines

the progress in transforming the company into a speciality hospitality group, operating in segments of the market with good growth potential."

Boddington is financing its share of the development from existing cash resources and plans furible such ventures for its hotel and restaurant division.

Construction of the 368 homes will be undertaken by Fairclough Homes, a subsid-Mr Andrew Garety, Bodd- iary of Amec

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Taking a global view The World

The Times has introduced a new reader service - a series of stock market indices that allow investors to assess the performance of various world markets on a comparable ba-sis. The Morgan Stanley Capital international series, created in 1968 as the Capital International Indices, is the recognized international standard, published in business newspapers around the world.

The Times will publish the indices daily, expressing the changes over the previous day and previous year in terms of sterling, United States dollars and each local currency. Where there are significant

restrictions on foreign ownership of shares, such as in the Nordic countries and Switzer-land, both the "free" and the national market indices are quoted. The indices, published daily from Geneva, provide a benchmark against which international investment performance can be measured.

PWS recovers with Stena puts \$550m into SeaCon bid

vealed details of its financing of the \$1.11 billion (£667 million) offer, with its British partner Tiphook, the the container group, putting up just over half the cash.

which imports 70 per cent of

ket, may have to look else-

where for its bananas come

Mr Sugden said that he would also concentrate on

Stena, the Swedish shipping line, is providing about \$550 million of the purchase price. Up to \$480 million will be provided by a group of banks, including Barclays Bank in Britain, according to a filing

Temple Holdings, the Anglo-Swedish consortium bidding Exchange Commission, with for Sea Containers, has re- the rest coming from Stena's Tipbook would provide \$86 million from the first tranche of a rights issue, the balance

coming from a term facility and a bridging loan. The various parties were back in court overnight in Bermuda. where Temple is trying to have its plans for Sea Containers considered at an extraordinary meeting on Febгиагу 24.

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Ladbroke fell 6p to 334p.

under the hammer following a

bearish review of the sector by

Kleinwort Benson, the broker.

Last year was a difficult one

for the mail order industry

and conditions do not appear

to be getting any better. Retail

sales figures for November, its

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Dow up 11 points on bargain-hunting

New York (Reuter) — The per cent, to 38,170.13, so Dow Jones industrial average regaining its hold on the key was ahead by 11 points to 2,761.64 in early trading, and in the broader market rising chares outnumbered declining issues by almost two to one. Bargain-hunting - which

related buying pushed shares in the main market higher, but blue chips were off their Sydney — The All-Ordopening highs.

Trading was relatively quiet. Traders said that the thin trading exaggerated light orders. Some expected a decline in the market soon. Prime Motor Inns sank 3% to 16½ in active dealings. An analyst at Shearson has lowered her rating on the issue. ● Tokyo — The Nikkei index

regaining its hold on the key 38,000 level after slipping below it on Tuesday. The 38,000 level was passed for the first time on December 13. Index-linked buying in the afternoon pushed the Nikkei heran to appear late on sharply higher at the close, but Wednesday - and futures- trading was modest and the overall market rose less dramatically.

inaries index closed 5.9 up at 1,695.6. ● Frankfurt — The DAX in-

dex ended 16.20 higher at

1,855.83. • Hong Kong - The Hang Seng index lost 12.48 to 2,855.52. The Hong Kong index shed 8.16 to 1,874.16. Singapore — The revamped Straits Times industrial index

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Salomon buying helps lift prices

Shares reversed an early fall and were grimly clinging on to some small gains by the close, helped by a number of programme trades and a firmer

Start to trading on Wall Street.
The FT-SE 100 index clawed back a 16-point fall to finish 5.3 higher at 2,417.9 as the three-week New Year account started to draw to a close. The narrower FT index of top 30 shares added 4.1 to 1,940.5 as 579 million shares were traded.

Salomon Brothers, the New York securities house, saved the day with several small buy programmes while Smith New Court, the broker, carried out another programme, switching from alpha stocks to

But investors remained cautious about short-term prospects. They are still worried about the possibility of a sharp correction on Wall Street and the growing wages spiral following the rejection of Ford's 10.2 per cent offer by its 32,000 workforce.

reluctant to chase the market any higher. Government securities managed to halve falls of £1/2 at the longer end. BP sprang to life with a rise of 5p to 336p as more than 14 million shares were traded. The rise was prompted by

Selling pressure remained

light but the institutions were

oil find in the Gulf of Mexico. BP has refused to comment. But the high turnover suggests

that something is afoot.
ICI fell 8p to £11.82 in the wake of a sell recommendation by Smith New Court. The group aims to counter falling chemical sales with a reduction in operating costs. Laporte, the specialist chemicals group, jumped 8p to 511p following a presentation in the City for analysts and fund

BAT Industries suffered an early markdown but recovered to finish only 1p easier at 837p. Mr Patrick Sheehy, the chairman, and other executives of the company have

Next, the troubled retailer, has been friendless since the departure of Mr George Davies and the heavy provisions later on. The price rose 4½p to 100½p following a meeting with a broker where Next indicated the dividend should be intained. The shares could

met Hoylake's lawyers to discuss the leaking of a controversial memo which detailed ways of thwarting last year's £13 billion bid from Sir Goldsmith's James consortium.

Sir James and his colleagues claims that the group was on have indicated that they in-the verge of announcing a big tend to pursue the bid for

bid hopes revived

BAT. Meanwhile, they continue to hold a near-30 per cent stake in Ranks Hovis McDougali. They have held the stake since May and analysts have calculated that financing charges are costing the consortium the equivalent of 5p a share per month. The speculators are convinced that Sir James will have to make his move soon. RHM finished

a bid for the company. Smith & Nephew eased 2p to 134p. UBS Phillips & Drew, the broker, met the company this week and is continuing to urge its clients to sell.

unchanged at 429p. Smith

New Court would not rule out

Growth in earnings is expected to be flat this year with P&D forecasting a rise of 9 per

The water companies featured with another clutch of half-year figures - mostly in line with market expectations - from Southern Water, unchanged at 159p, Verkshire, 3p better at 168p, Northum-brian, 2p better at 179p and South West, 4½p better at

The other water stocks also recovered from a hesitant start with Anglian 4p higher at 166p. North West 4p at 157p, Severn Trent unchanged at

144p, after 149p, Thames 31/2p

of 4 per cent. Competition has increased from high street

> Thorn EMI fell 12p to 802p. The shares have been strong market recently. buoyed by talk ranging from a bid to a management buyout of Rumbelows. But some brokers believe its prospects are not so good and think that the shares have already run too far and too

cheaper goods, attractive credit terms and quicker delivery - which means that consumers are tripping off to their local shops rather than sending for goods through the TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

and Wessex 2½p to 167p. WH Smith A saw all of Freemans, is better placed to cope with the increased com-Wednesday's gains wiped out after the company denied it stronger base. had any plans to sell its Do-It-All subsidiary to Ladbroke.

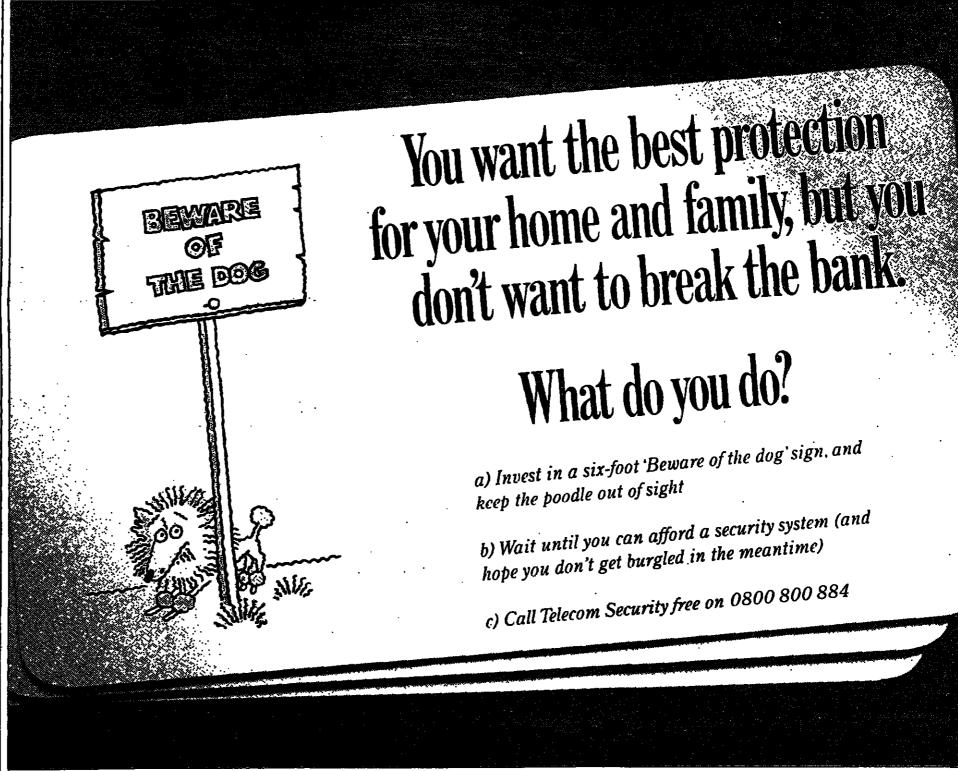
petition because it has a Elsewhere in the retail sector, Dixons slipped 4p to 134p as the word went round that Mail order companies came Kingfisher's £568 million bid

would be referred to the Monopolies Commission. Securiguard, the security and industrial cleaning services group, jumped 16p to 276p, supported by a bullish circular from Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the broker. The City has also given its approval to the group's \$17 million (£10.3 million) acquisition of Madison, the US

building services group. Dewey Warren, the shell company quoted on the USM, soared 12p to 127p after announcing that it was in bid talks with a number of companies. Dewey, which in November called off its £20 million reverse takeover of the Robert Fraser financial services group, hopes to have a deal lined up within four weeks. Dewey used to be the investment vehicle of Mr Robert Holmes à Court. It is currently capitalized at about £60 million but could fetch 140p a share.

Dewey's shareholders include the Kuwait Investment Office which has 30 per cent.

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Is length synonymous with luxury? The Lincoln has the status, but not all the top features

Sterling in America you could own the latest Lincoln Town Car, an oldfashioned big brother to the impressive Lincoln Continental. The Town Car is proof that rich Americans will always need a huge car to let everyone know they are rich. A Japanese model simply will not do. Americans love Hondas but size means status, so the 18ft 3in Lincoln has an obvious appeal. This gas guzzier is longer than its

It may have next curves where once there were fins and acres of chrome, but the Town Car is dated under that new skin. As one of the last cars to boast a separate chassis, it also has such unlikely luxury car features as rear drum brakes and a crude live rear axle. It is one car the Japanese would not attempt to copy.

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There is a presidential air to this limousine as it waffles gently along at a steady speed. The V8 engine is capable of

The Lincoln is a long stretch from a European luxury

car, but they love it in the States drawing close to two tons of

mass away from traffic lights.

It has no more power, however, than a European 2 litre. From the driver's seat of a Rolls-Royce there is an impressive lofty view of the world, but the Lincoln owner has to make do with slamping leather-look plastic seat. All that are missing are the star

spangled banners. Driving the Lincoln briskly is not the nightmare of feather-light steering and spongy suspension that might be expected. Agile it certainly is not, yet the Town Car floats along quite bappily without being in danger of tipping film

carpet. There have been improvements but everything is relative. The American penchant for

"stretched" limousines is due, in part, to the disappointing lack of room in the back of Detroit's large cars. The Town Car is wide enough to take six. You could not claim that the Lincoln was expensive, but if the makers did save any money, it must have been on the interior, which is hard to

recognize as different from the

brash, glitzy offerings of the 1960s. The driver is presented with an acre of chrome switches and levers, all housed low on an uncomfortable in cheap "wood effect" metal. leather-look plastic seat. All that are missing are the star between European and Japanese luxury cars and those from Detroit, an American car magazine has just voted the Lincoln Town Car, car of the year. America is a long way from ending its love affair with

Daniel Ward

Japan struts its stuff

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he shiny new mod-els and crowd-pulling concept cars were all at the recent Detroit Motor Show - but the talk was of another recession. Not one as devastating as that which hit the American motor industry's centre in the early 1980s, but a warning that the Japanese are leaders in the United States and that Chrysler, Ford and General Motors are, once again, experiencing a fall in demand.

Sales slipped 7 per cent in 1989, but worse was the thousands of dollars handed over to customers as cash rebates. Most manufacturers accept that it is no longer possible to sell cars in America at the list price. In 1990 the car industry will spend \$5 billion (about £2.9 billion) advertising its products and, probably, a similar amount in bonuses to dealers and rebates to customers.

As sales have slumped, so workers have been laid off. Detroit's big three car manufacturers closed 42 plants for a week or more last year. All the major Japanese firms increased US sales in 1989, which totalled 2.5 million cars and accounted for 26 per cent of the American market. As the Japanese produce

more cars in their US "transplant" factories, they are displacing Fords or Buicks.

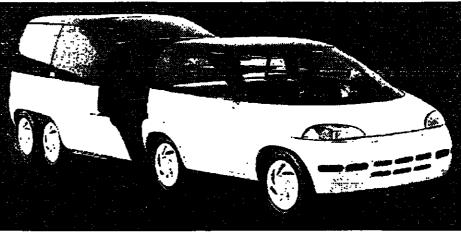
Perhaps the clearest sign of the challenge facing Detroit is the fact that the Honda Ac-cord was the best selling car in America in 1989. It is the first time a Japanese car has outsold a model from Chrysler, Ford or GM . Honda in ends to sell one million cars in America by the mid-1990s.

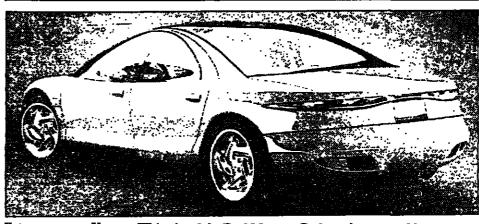
The car industry must comply with Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) legislation that sets a minimum average fuel economy, which must be met by each maker's

The Detroit manufacturers have to juggle building large, thirsty cars with their smaller models. By US standards, the Japanese sell mostly small cars and few luxury models, so they have no problem meeting CAFE limits.

To make this disparity worse, the American motorist keeps buying Detroit's large

Talk at America's top motor show was of the lead another country has taken in innovative design and, now, sales. Daniel Ward, in Detroit, finds out why





Future concepts: Voyager III (top) and the Ford Mercury Cyclone give a taste things to come

gas guzzlers at a time when the CAFE minimum is about to home run for the Japanese.

Against this background, the launch of the new Ford Escort was a significant event, as it gave the company an upto-date economical model to offset some of the big V8 powered cars. The Escort is now much longer and wider than its European sister model. However, the most

significant point is that the new car was largely designed be significantly increased, by Mazda. The Japanese firm Baseball fans would call that a also set up one of the two plants that will make the Escort for many years a best seller in America.

When a Chrysler executive introduced a stunning new sports car at the show, he added honestly that he was sorry his firm had not produced it. It came from

will never bother to compete with Detroit in the traditional large car sector. General Motors introduced the new Chevrolet Caprice, with enough seats for six. The distance from the rear wheels to the bumper is a match for a double-decker bus. The survival of the cart-like live axle in the 1990s is remarkable.

Chuck Jordan, Cadillac's chief designer, says there are Mitsubishi - only the badges less customers for the GM were changed. The Japanese division, so the Aurora con-

'The Nissan Gobi was fun and fresh. Alongside it, many of Detroit's ideas seemed dated before the public had even seen them'

younger buyer. It is planned for production in the mid-1990s, but it is very hard to see how today's Cadillac owners would swap their chrome and acres of sheet metal for something so understated and

The Detroit show's best concept car was wholly impractical, yet represents an innovative approach to coping with crowded roads. Chrysler's Voyager III is two vehicles in one. The front half is a three-seater micro-commuter car powered by a propane 1.6 litre engine.

ehind the small car is the rear module, which cannot be operated separately but can be locked on to the front. When it docks, the rear wheels of the micro car are electrically withdrawn like an aircraft pulling up its under-carriage. In total, there are eight seats. The rear section has its own engine which is electronically linked to the front unit.

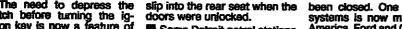
The Voyager highlights a way in which one-car families can have a compact shopping car for city use and then a fullsize car for holidays and outings.

Nissan's small pickup, the Gobi, was styled in America by the Japanese firm's US designers. So why can't American stylists produce better cars? The Nissan Gobi was fun and fresh with an unusual elliptical cab. Alongside the Gobi, many of Detroit's ideas seemed dated before the public had even seen them.

The exception was Ford's handsome Mercury Cyclone. Perhaps heavily influenced by Ford's Italian Ghia studio, it was, nevertheless, a clever and exciting four-seater rather than brash like the Pontiac counterpart.
The Cyclone's glass roof has

an electrochromic laver which can be changed from transparent to opaque by adjusting an electrical current. Such a development could make the glass

Lotus and Aston Martin launched the new Elan and Virage respectively for the American market and Rover unveiled its Oxford Edition Sterling.



The need to depress the clutch before turning the ignition key is now a feature of many American cars with manual gearboxes. Similarly, auto-matic cars will only start when the brake pedal is pressed by

Central locking on American Fords no longer operates the rear doors, following many attacks on lone drivers. An assailant could crouch out of

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The move is the latest evidence of the restructuring by enterprise boards in an attempt to sidestep the proposed Housing and Local Authority Act. Under this, the boards - independent commercially-run companies created by local authorities to promote small business growth - will be treated as local authority-controlled and subject to stringent borrowing requirements.

The Greater London board has so far helped finance about 30 companies, including Palace Pictures, maker of Mona Lisa and Scandal. The plan to invite new members follows the failure of talks with the Co-operative Bank and Unity Trust, the trade union bank. Mr Richard Minns, joint chief executive, said: "We are being very cautious in our choice of new members and will be looking for like-minded organizations."

New directors will also be appointed to push local authority representation to less than 20 percent, the benchmark below which the new classification will not apply. The move follows the decision by Lancashire Enterprises, the country's largest and

most profitable board, to sell off 80 per cent of its shares. Lancashire Enterprises pionecred the use of seed capital funds for high-risk, technology-led companies, helping a number to the Third Market. Last year, it

recorded £800,000 pre-tax profits. Greater Manchester Economic Development is examining the Lancashire scheme, but is likely to follow the Greater London route. The only casualty so far has been the Merseyside Enterprise Board which collapsed after the county's five boroughs failed to agree on a restructuring plan.

MR FRIDAY



I'll make the same resolution I made in 1980 - to take a holiday this decade

Right formula for health

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A traditionally trained pharmacist with the right formula for a health shop may sound unusual, but Miss Rekha Kotecha takes a far from conventional line on almost everything. And she usually succeeds.

Miss Kotecha, a Ugandan Asian xpelled by Idi Amin, the dictator, in 1972, began job-hunting the day after arriving in Britain. The daughter of an industrious family in the textiles business, she was used to hard work. However, instead of taking a job, she got her "A" levels and then a pharmacy

Yet working as a chemist's pharmacist and later in a City partnership was not enough. She said: "I didn't want to work for anyone else any more." Thus she decided to use her skills for a health food business.

Miss Kotecha requested an interview with the manager at her local Barclays Bank branch. He was too busy that day, so she told the bank to prepare her assets for withdrawal by 2.30pm. An interview was swiftly arranged with another branch manager, who granted the loan at acceptable rates, with her flat as security.

Miss Kotecha was able to open her first shop in Old Brompton Road, west London, in March

Typical of her unconventional style, Miss Kotecha believes certain constituents of diet are essential to avoid and fight illness and that as a pharmacist she has the biochemical knowledge to advise sensibly, not just sell products. For Stocked for success: Rekha Kotecha at her Earls Court Road store, where she offers advice on health

example, she tells her customers to take vitamin E and iron six hours apart, because the vitamin inhibits iron absorption. She treats all her customers as individuals, asking why they want health supple-ments, often suggesting more suit-able ones, and checking whether they are on medication to avoid drug interaction. She even stocks products available only to doctors,

nutritionists and pharmacists. People had predicted she would fail in Old Brompton Road because the shop was in a bad location, but business passed break-even point on the first day. After 12 months, takings reached the level Miss Kotecha had expected after five years.

She lives on four hours' sleep a night and occasionally none at all, using the waking hours to read up when everywhere else is shut. As a

hour-long breaks.

Miss Kotecha has started selling by mail order in Britain and Europe, which she says helps to maintain continuity in supplying the right foods and supplements to customers. Mail order makes up

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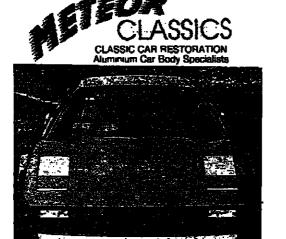
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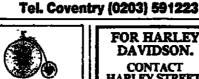
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A double for Lambourn trainer Nicky Henderson and jockey Richard Dunwoody looks on the cards at Ascot today thanks to Calabrese (2.5) and The Proclamation (2.35).

Following that 15-length victory over three miles at Cheltenham 10 days ago, Catabrese is now napped to win the Munns Electrical Handicap Hurdle, even though the handicapper has raised him 10lb from the rating of 118 on which he began this season and even though this appears to be one of the most open races of the

Such a considerable rerating was deserved not only on account of the way that he excelled himself over today's trip last time out but also because of the way that he had

Going: good

1.00 Sayyure. 1.35 Broad Beam. 2.05 CALABRESE (nap).



Nicky Henderson: excellent chance of Ascot double

promising third behind Propero and Morley Street. In both cases Calabrese looks an improved horse capable of winning again on these terms.

Arctic Teal is another member of today's field who has been re-rated since he won at Wincanton on Boxing Day but the amount by which he has shaped first time out at gone up means that he now Chepstow just before Christ-has nothing in hand of the mas when he finished a highly consistent Sketcher who was

2.35 The Proclamation.

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3.05 Ballybane.

should suit.
VICTORY LANE always behind when poor 9th of 17 to Able Leader on hurding debut at Plumpton (2m, soft). OLMSTAR led on the fiat to best Kami King 1/2 at Nottingham (2m, soft). Previously beaten 71 by March On at Kempton (2m, good).

FIGHTING WORDS fourth foal out of a poor frish maiden. Makes hundling debut.

Selection: STAR OF THE GLEN

on: BROAD BEAM

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1989: PANTECHBECON 9-10-0 P Holley (7-2) A Barrow 9 ran

BETTING: 7-4 Calebrase, 4-1 Personos Network, 6-1 Withy Bank, 8-1 Ryde Again, 10-1 Arctic Teal, ticher, 12-1 Robin Wonder, 14-1 Others.

1989: MRS MUCK 8-11-13 S Sherwood (16-1) N Twiston-Davies 12 ran

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1.0 SILVER DOCTOR NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £2,820: 2m 4f) (6 runners)

FORM FOCUS SARTORRUS ran on burdles at Wolvertempton and also Leicester (2m. good) besting Northambs 11, peir clear.

SATYLINE driven out to beat Burgoyne 31 at Kempton (2m. 4), good). Previously beet icarus 61 at Doncaster (2m. 4), good to firm). STAR OF THE GLEN showed improved form when leading close home to beat Silver King 31 at Newbury (2m. 100)/d, good, Style of victory suggests this cotra half miles

Western Service of the race.

BROAD BEAM second at Taumton and Sandown (2m 18 d, good) beatsn 11/d by Hogmansy, KNOCK-SRACK made all to beat Green Marale 15 on responsaring in Plumpton handicap (2m, good to firm). Has weakened after forcing the pace on

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place that day.

Top weight will be carried by Pertemps Network, who reverts to hurdling after failing reverts to hurdling after failing Espy when the latter misto cut much of a dash over judged the last and fell. fences this season. But he is handicapped to the hilt on his

form over hurdles last season. Ryde Again is another who has been chasing this season and now tries his hand at hurdling again. In this instance, though, Withy Bank may turn out to be the danger to Calabrese. Peter Easterby's raider was by no means dis-credited at Wetherby last time when going under by a length to Sip Of Orange.

The PML Lightning Novices' Chase has attracted only three runners but Young Snugfit and The Proclamation, two of the season's most exciting chasing recruits. could make it a race to remember. Cashew King, a good hurdler and the winner of his last two starts over fences, completes a high-class field. When Young Snugfit won

beaten 11/2 lengths in second over today's course and dis- Nick The Brief. tance in November, he had luck on his side because he was being hard pressed by

> In my view he will need the same good fortune today if he is to give 4lb to The Proclamation, even though he has won well at Kempton in the mean-

> For The Proclamation could hardly have made a better start to his chasing career than he did on today's course in December when he easily disposed of Deep Colonist, the impressive winner of his previous race at

Ballyhane, winner of the SGB Chase at Ascot last season, is taken to add the First National Handicap Chase to his list of victories, despite carrying 11st 11lb. At Wetherby last time he made a valiant attempt to win the Rowland Meyrick Handi-

1 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,Q,S) (Mrs D Robinson) 8 Hall 12-0

2.35 PML LIGHTNING NOVICES CHASE (£14,445: 2m) (3 runners)

BETTERG: 10-11 The Proclamation, 11-8 Young Snugit, 6-1 Cashew King.

THE PROCLAMATION, an Irish Import and the 10 farm).

Winner of a listed hundle at Punchestown (2m, good) Selection: YOURIG SNUGFTT

2116-01 MACROOM 14 (C,C,S) (Mrs M Tindel) S Moller 102-311 ZUKO 16 (D,F,C,S) (S Powell) S Meller 9-10-0_

3.40 HARY MARY NOVICES HURDLE (£3,366: 2m) (10 runners)

432311 EXCITAG PROSPECT 11 (D,G) (P Green) J J O'Neil 6-12-0 ...

2.0 WHIXLEY NOVICES HURDLE (21,870: 2m 4f) (17 runners)

200 ANOTHER DYER 15 (Edinburgh Woolen ME) G Richards 6-11-0.

807 ALITO ALICK 830 (S Chids) M H Easterby 6-11-0.

60 CEVA PARK 34 (Mrs P Morrison) R Earnshaw 5-11-0.

7- CITY COMMENT 291 (Mrs A Bell) J Edwards 6-11-0.

PS CORSITTS MILITARIA 6 (Mrs S Strangeway) B EEson 8-11-0.

Long bandicap: Macroom 9-13, Zuko 9-9.

BOB TSDALL ran well for a long way before weakening to be 18! 4th of 6 to Desert Orchid in the King George at Kempton (3m, good). J-J-HSNRY was run out of it in the closing stages to be 3 2nd of 4 to Gowan House at Newcaste (2m4/, firm). Suited

FORM FOCUS EXCITING PROScomfortable 39 winner of a Catterick handicap (2m,
good), beeting Feetive Fling - pair 201 clear.
BLOODLESS COUP, formerly a useful middledistance handicapper on the Flat, should improve
for his first run for over 3 years at Kempton (2m,
good) when 391 9th of 17 to Timytand. LOREN'S
COURAGE, a middle-distance winner on the Flat.

3.5 FIRST NATIONAL HANDICAP CHASE (£11,355: 3m) (11 runners)

SETTING: 4-1 Ballyhane, 9-2 Macroom, Mr Frisk, 5-1 Bob Tisdali, 8-1 The Bakewell Boy, 7-1 Zuko, 14-1 Against The Grain, J.-Henry, 33-1 Burampour, Memberson, 40-1 Von Trappe.

1988: COMERAGH KING 10-11-5 M Dwyer (11-4 fav) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8 ran

FORM FOCUS BALLY HANE ran best race so far this season when ¼1 3rd of 7 to Durham Edition at Wetherby (3rn 100yd, good to soft). MR FRISK failed to justify favouritism at Doncaster (3rn 21, firm), weakening to be 41 least of 3 finishers to Bishopdels. BOB TISDALL ran well for a long way before weakening to be 181 4th of 6 to Desert Orchid in the King George at Kempton (3rn, good). J-J-HENRY was no cut of this the ideation strong to be 32 and of MR.

BETTING: 9-4 Peter Piper, 3-1 Loren's Courage, 9-2 Stratford Ponds, 6-1 Exciting Prospect, 7-1 Book Of Gold, 10-1 Hoping For Glory, 16-1 others.

Course specialists

Guide to our in-line racecard

Rececard number. Six-figure form (F - felt.)
P - pulled up. U - unseated rider. B - brought down. S - slipped up. R - refused. (F - firm, good to firm, hard. G - good. D - disqualified). Horse's name. Days S - soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in since last outing; F if fist. (B - blinkers, brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider v-visor. H - hood. E - Eyestleid. C - course yellow any allowance. The Times Private winner. D - distance winner. CD - course and riandicapper's rating.

1988: SABIN DU LOIR 10-11-5 P Scudemore (6-5 fav) M Pipe 4 ran

FORM FOCUS YOUNG SNUGFIT
proved a most impressive winner at Kempton (2m, good), meting a fast time to best For The Grain 20. Earlier, won over course and distance (good to firm) besting Going Got Tough 70.

THE PROCLAMATION, an Irish Import and the formula of the country of t

cap Chase, going under by only half a length and a short head to Durham Edition and That form was upheld when

Nick The Brief finished a highly creditable second in the Anthony Mildmay, Peter Cazalet Memorial Handicap Chase at Sandown last Saturday.

Cliffalda, who also acquitted himself well at Wetherby on Boxing Day when he was runner-up to the unbeaten Carrick Hill Lad, beaten only two lengths, returns to the Yorkshire course with a clear chance of going one better in the Collingham Novices' Chase over the same distance.

Finally, note should be made of Henrietta Knight's decision to dispatch Fair Prospect on the long journey north from Lockinge for the Healaugh Novices' Hurdle.

Charmian Hill dies Charmian Hill, the owner of Dawn Run, died yesterday, aged 70. Mrs Hill had suffered a stroke on Christmas Eve. Dawn Run won 21 races and became the first horse to complete the Champion Hurdle-Gold Cup double. Obituary, page 16

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G Bradley —
C Great
D Shew —

proved a disappointing fevourite when 24%1 6th of 23 to Rakes Lane at Leicester (2m, good).

23 to Hates Carlo at Librarian Additional Hunt flet race at Newbury (2m 100yd, good) last seenon, besting Vanom St. HOPRIG FOR GLORY, a sprinter on the Flat, may come on for his 16%14th of 17 to Russino at Wetherby (2m, good).

Selection: EXCITING PROSPECT

R Rows
A Tory (5)
T Morgen
A Cherton (3)
Mr Q Upton (3)
Mrs A Farrell

Hill Street's exit prompts plunge on Fragrant Dawn

Leopardstown tomorrow continued unabated yesterday following the news that his Hill Street, his stable companion, will miss the race.

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"Fragrant Dawn is the only one they want to back," Phil Talbot, the sponsors' spokes-man, said yesterday. "It re-minds me very much of the gamble on Barnbrook Again, who was backed from 10-1 to 5-2 three years ago and won by

five lengths."
Offered at 7-1 (with a run) following his impressive Newbury victory a fortnight ago, Fragrant Dawn hardened from 9-2 to 7-2 after yesterday's sustained support.

Hill Street, quoted at 10-1 for the Ir£50,000 handicap hurdle yesterday morning, was the only horse taken out at the 48-hour final declaration stage, leaving a field of 27.

Jimmy Fitzgerald said: "Hill Street's blood count was border-line so I did not think it worth sending him. Also the ground has not come up all that soft." Hill Street will now be prepared for the Tote Gold Trophy at

The ante-post plunge on Fragrant Dawn for The Ladbroke at doubtful for the Leopardstown Vicario Di Bray, considered race earlier in the week, was confirmed a definite number by Jonjo O'Neill, bringing the British raiding party to seven. Robbie Supple takes the ride.

Another late booking for the big race yesterday was Mark Pitman, who now partners Dis Train for his mother, Jenny, Michael Bowlby, who was to have partnered the six-year-old, switches to Ascot where he will ride Do Be Brief, Egypt Mill and

Timely Star for Mrs Pitman. The full list of British challengers now reads: Past Glories (J J Quinn), Ostic (G McCourt), Vicario Di Bray (R Supple), Royal Derbi (G Bradley), Dis Train (M Pitman), Fragrant Dawn (M Dwyer), Peanuts Pet (T Wali).

The going at Leopardstown yesterday was officially yielding. A spokesman for the Dublin course said: "The weather forecast is good so we'd expect it to stay yielding for the big race."

LATEST PRICES: Ledbrokes: 7-2 Fra-grant Dawn, 8-1 Osric, 9-1 Elementary, 10-1 Joylul Noise, 12-1 Lough Gde, 14-1 Peanus Pet, 16-1 Toranfield, Worf Of Bedenoch, Marilon, Vicario Di Brey, 20-1

Newbury on February 10. TBA urged to step up marketing style well-backed

Lord Hartington, senior steward for the inclusion of international of the Jockey Club, yesterday classification ratings to be in-urged breeders to be more aggressive in their marketing.

Speaking at the annual award ceremony of the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association, he said: Breeders, in common with other industries, have a product to sell, and it is up to them to make the most of the opportu-nities presented by the increased opportunities of racehorse ownership.

"Instead of simply looking after their individual interests they should be thinking about grouping together to encourage potential owners to become directly involved in racing. Unless this opportunity is grasped there is little point in breeders

Lord Hartington also called

black-type races.

"Two horses may be described as, say, group two race winners," he said, "But one may have been considerably superior to the other. We have this information readily available and it seems to me we should use it whenever possible."

use it whenever possible."

AWARD WINNERS: TEA Fat breeder:
Lord Carrarvon, NH broodmars: North
Bovey, Smail breeder: Fulke Johnson
Houghton, Broodmare of year: Height Of
Fashlon, British-based station (NH
Chase): Idiot's Delight, British-based statlion (NH prize-money won): Catic Cone.
British-based first-season size (Flat; Elegant Air, British-based station (most
individual winners on Flat; Kris, British-based stallion (prize-money won on Flat;
the De Bourbon, British-based breeder
(NH): Jimmy Burridge, British-based
breeder (Flat): Stowell Hill Stad, Special
award: Robin Hestings.

sparkling

See You Then excelled in his workout after racing at Wincamon yesterday and Steva Smith Eccles believes he will win a fourth Champion Hurcle

in March.
The 10-year-old showed all his old enthusiasm as he worked with his stable companion. First Bout, ridden by John Villa. over two miles and eight tlights

of burdles.
Smith Eccles said: "He feels as good as ever, if not better. There was only one hiccup when he missed the last flight down the back side. Apart from that, he just are the humlies." Nicky Henderson said: "Ide-

ally I would like to get in two races before the Champion, starting with the Agfa Hurale." Earlier, Toby Tobias had humbled Pegwell Bay when rompleting a treble in the John Bull Chase. However, Jenny Pitman's improving chaser will miss the Gold Cup this season and his Cheltenham target will be the Calabara.

be the Catheart.
Tim Forster, dismayed by Pegwell Bay's performance, fared better when Uncle Mertin. the Maryland Hunt Cup wings jumped into the Grand National reckoning by derving 12 stone in the Lillo Lumb Challenge Cup.

Irish reider

By Christopher Goo! Mag Jamie Osborne, stable jorkey to Oliver Sherwood, nides the Irish-trained Feroda in ignici-

row's Victor Chandler Flaudicap Canse at Ascol.
Tom Tanife, the bay's regular partner, remains in Ireland to ride Joyall Noise for Arthur Moore in The Ladbroke at Leopardstown.

Feroda was the best-backed runner with the sponsors yesterday and is now a 9-1 chance (from 12-1). Derek Byrne, who was to have

Meikleour, a 10-1 shot.

ridden in Ireland for Jumpy Fitzgerald, will now partner

LEADING PRICES: Victor Chandlen 11-1 Sueberry King, 4-1 Zambraok Again, 5-1 Parto Prince, 7-1 Long Engagament, Pearlyman, 6-1 Vocksein, 3-1 Kolmendon, 10-1 Makdeour, 72-1 Star's Deligit, 1-1 Norton's Coin, 16-1 hoganizey.

EDINBURGH ... Selections

By Mandarin

12.45 Order Paper. 1.15 Hello Georgie. 1.45 Woodchester Glen. 2.15 Pura Money. 2.45 Cock-A-Doodle-Do. 3.15 Spark Of Peace.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating 3.15 SPARK OF PRACE.

12.45 DYEWATER MAIDEN HURDLE (21.716: 2m) (15 runners)

5-2 Order Paper, 4-1 Nineofus, 5-1 Principal, 8-1 Clay County, 10-1 Mask-Eden, 12-1 Mister Moody, Damanour. 1.15 HOPESWATER NOVICES CLAUMING CHASE (£1,956: 3m) (6)

7-4 Hell Georgie, 3-1 Camionnage, 4-1 Gameemanship, 6-1 stanson, 10-1 Primier, 12-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: Jimmy Pitzgerald, 9 from 37, 24.3%; N Tinkler, 5 from 21, 28.8%; G Moore, 6 from 31, 19.4%; Mrs G Reveley, 10 from 52, 19.2%; R Fisher, 3 from 19, 15.8%; J Wison, 5 from 34, 14.7%. JOCKEYS: D Byrne, 4 winners from 15 rides, 26.7%; P Niven, 15 from 63, 23.6%; R Fahey, 3 from 24, 12.5%. (Only qualifiers).

1.45 WHITEWATER NOVICES MANDICAP HURDLE (£1,562: 2m 4f) (6)

13-8 Woodchester Gien, 7-2 Thereis, 6-1 Regal Brass, 3-1 Mahana, Running Fortune, 12-1 itma.

2.15 WHITEADDER MANDICAP CKASE (\$2.178) 1 2142 CHIPCHASE 20 (0,5,0,5) B Wilkinson (0,12-0

2 1221 PURA NOREY 7 (C,D,F,G,S) G Picteric 6-11-1 3 1-PP TRAVEN VENTURE 75 (V.D.F.) D Los 10-10-10... P Moore
4 3530 GOLDEN FARCY 20 (F.Q.S.) C Abaseder 10-10-10

6-4 Pura Money, 2-1 Chipchase, 7-2 Galcan Fancy, 12-1 ven Veriture. 2.45 FASERY NOVICES CLARRING HURBLE (4-1)-O: £7,360: 2m) (6)

15-8 Beau Relando, 3-1 Cock-A-Decess-Do, 4-1 Dec Lodge, 6-1 Rusceroff, 10-1 Premier Princess.

3.15 WATCH WATER CONDITIONAL LOCKENS HANDICAP HURDLE (\$1,576: 3m) (7) 1 44U EASTERN CASIS 9 (CD.F.C.S) J Andrews 7-12-3

2 6235 NEW KINGSGROVE 20 (V,CD,ET,F,Q,S) P MODITION 11-11-52 CT Forms 3 PSF0 KATES FLING 9 (D,F,G) R Fisher 7-10-9 J CCL Flores 4 PS11 SPARK OF PEACE 2 (G,S) P Biodosy 8-10-4 -6-1; Fluid by (S)

15-8 Spark Of Pasce, 4-1 Rose Tebleau, 5-1 Eastern Oasse, New Kingsgrove, 7-1 Kates Filing, 12-1 Kalim Past. • Spark Of Peace, a winner at Kelso on Wednesday, attempts to complete a treble in four days by contesting the last race at Edinburgh

today and running again at Newcastle tomorrow.

LINGFIELD PARK

Selections By Mandarin

12.55 High Chateau. 1.25 Solitary Reaper. 1.55 Pocketed. 2.25 Quay Wall. 2.55 Weiss Rose, 3.25 Disneyland.

Going: standard 12.55 QUENTIN DURWARD NOVICES HURDLE (£1,478: 2m 4f) (6 runners) 1 0-04 BLUE FINCH 11 J Jenkins 6-10-10 M 2 0F00 COMMANCHE BRAVE 4 C Pophern 7-10-10 ... 3 /PP- DON KEYDROP 343 Miss B Sanders 6-10-10

6-4 High Chateeu, 9-4 Blue Finch, 5-1 Don Keydrop, Vice-roy Major, 14-1 Commanche Brava, 20-1 Fame And Glory. 1,25 GUY MANNERING SELLING HURDLE

(£1,646: 2m) (9) 1 23F- MASTER VINCE 244 (CD,G,S) J White 12-12-3 2 GFPS ALL BITENT 9 (B.O.F.) G Thomer 8-11-13 __ J Dutly (7) 3 3FF9 PENLLYNE'S PRIDE 21 (D.F.Q.) R Juckes S-11-13 4 -505 SOLITARY REAPER 14 Miss B Senders 5-11-7

5 1400 VERDON CANYON 81 (F) G Pritcherd-Gordon 5-11-7
TKeet (7)
TKeet (7) MASCALLS LADY SF W G Turner 5-11-2 J Louch (5)

O ARSOLUTELY HUMBING 7 J Subsite 4-10-9 R Romell

OD LEIA MECENE 20 J ESON 4-10-9 R Guest

G2P CAVERDISH DIAMOND 23 R SIMPSON 4-10-4 W Morris 15-8 Verdon Cenyon, 3-1 Solitary Reaper, 9-2 Master Vance, 6-1 Absolutary Humming, 7-1 Penilyne's Pride, 10-1 Cevendish Diemond, 16-1 others.

1.55 REDGAUNTLET MOVICES MURCLE (44-0:

2.25 Taliseian Handicap Kurdle (61,534: 2m 41) (3) Evens Oxymeron, 7-4 Escriberta, 3-1 Chay Well. 2.55 IVANHOE MARES ONLY NOVICES MANDI-

8-11 Pocketed, 11-10 Windsor Park.

CAP HURDLE (£1,534: 2m) (\$) 1 2211 DISTANT RELATION 9 (B.CO.G) K Commonsmistrorm 5-12-1 (10cs) / Adomit (C) 2 -28 POREST FARM 17 E Wheeler 5-12-0 P Bornard (C) 3 -322 WESS ROSE SS (EF) W G Terror 5-10-9 C Distance / (T) 4 6-0 POR RETOUR ST 7 Porkes 5-10-7 S 346 Really KEAT 23 (S) D Cardotto 4-10-1 J J Docth (S) 6 PP-F FREE TERST 73 (V) \$ Dow 7-19-9 S 3-3 G and Evens Distant Relation, 7-4 Weiss Rocs, 5-1 Forest Favn, 7-1 Really Neat, 14-1 others.

3.25 WAVERLEY HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2,217:

3 61/6 BALLATICO 6 (D.S.) Juntino 7-11-11 _____ 21 Aborta (S) 4 8365 COMPEC PRINCE 65 (D,S.5) 8 Forsey 8-16-2 ti Ce'rema 5 -030 TABACOS 58 W G Turner 7-10-8......... C Desputy (7) 6 50F5 MOUNTAIN RUN 22 R Frost 6-10-0........ P Jantasan (7)

Evens Disneyland, 9-4 Tebacos, ←1 Occilist L'Ennet, 8-1 Comtec Prince, 10-1 Moutain Run, 14-1 Bozzeico. Course specialists TRAINERS: Mrs J Pilman, 8 winners from 40 cunners, 20.0%; J Jenkins, 6 from 54, 11.1%. (Only quolifiers). JOCKEYS: Dale McKeown, 14 winners from 49 rides, 28.5%; R Guest, 3 from 12, 25.0%; A Adams, 3 from 16, 16.6%, (Only qualifiers).

RESULTS 0898 121 Muddle to take legal action

Ron Muddle is to take legal action in his attempt to develop a new racecourse at Telford in Shropshire.

Muddle, whose company R A M Racecourses Ltd owns Southwell, has been granted a three-day hearing in the courts at the beginning of March. Muddle unveiled plans for

Telford last year but ran into difficulties when the Jockey Club refused to grant any fixtures for the new track. The Jockey Club yesterday reiterated its October statement that, until it had evaluated the II per cent increase in fixtures

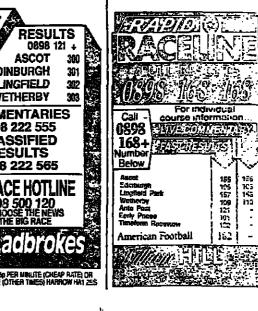
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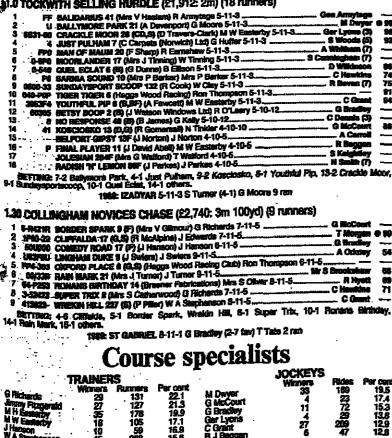
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2.30 See You There. 3.00 One For The Pot. 3.30 Kersil. 4.05 Fair Prospect. . A Kemigan .. S J C'Neill Mr K Green (7) M Jones (5) Mr S Swiers P A Farrell Michael Seely's selection: 4.05 FAIR PROSPECT (nap). BETTING: 3-1 Young Ty, 4-1 City Comment, 5-1 Last 'C' The Burich, 13-2 Rejoinus, 7-1 Melway Boy, 8-1 finabuck, Gospel Rock, 9-1 Purple Silk, 10-1 Another Dyer, 12-1 Secret Life, 16-1 others.

1989: POPPING ON 5-10-5 S Turner (66-1) J Turner 9 ran 2.30 KESWICK HANDICAP CHASE (£2,768: 3m 100yd) (8 runners) Ger Lytma (3) . 8 Woods (5) ... C Hawkins R Beven (7) BETTING: 2-1 Oaken, 3-1 See You There, 7-2 Swirl Howe, 5-1 The Demon Barber, 13-2 City Entertainer, C Grant
G Bradley
C Dennis (3)
G McCourt
A Carroll 3.9 COWTHORPE HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,145: 2m) (12 runners) 3.0 COWTHORPE HANDICAP MURDLE (EZ,145: 271) (12 TURNERS)

1 3-15031 LANDERG T7 (CD,F,S) (J Parkes) J Parkes 7-12-0.

2 11-00 I KID YOU NOT 9 (2,3) (Jonjo Thoroughbred Pic) J J O'Neil 7-11-8...

3 03-12P RAMELE 17 (D,BF,Q,S) (Mas A Sykes) Mrs G Reveley 8-11-8...

4 200/002 MERITHICORE 7 (D,S) (G Borek) G Moore 7-11-9...

5 530P-00 BOY PARITIER 17 (D,S) (J Fort) J Fort 7-11-4...

6 348-204 DEPLETE 8 (D,S) (Mrs E Wilson) J Blanded 7-11-2...

7 019020 VALTAKI 3 (D,F,Q,3) (J Seiter) L Codd 5-11-1...

8 04-4131 AFRICAN SPIRIT 17 (CD,F,S) (G Tufts) R Witstaker 6-10-13...

9 065-21 ONE FOR THE POT 27 (D,S) (K Wheldon) Mrs J Ramedan 5-10-11...

10 443312 FESTIVE R.MS) 11 (D,S) (Mrs J Madeley) Danys Smith 5-10-8...

11 84100 CHERRY CSIAP 17 (D,F) (Mrs M HBs) D Chapman 5-10-0...

12 03-044 FARLIO 11 (T Melor) T Korsey 8-10-0...

13 Inc. Mandleme Cherry Chap 9-11. Failig 9-10. N Smith (7) ... R Supple (9) ... R Hodge (7) Ger Lyons (3) . P Leech . G. NicCourt ---... T Morgen 0 10 ... G. Bradley ---... A Oddiey 54 Long handicup: Cherry Chep 9-11, Failiq 9-10.
BETTRIQE 5-2 One For The Pot, 4-1 Fastive Fling, African Spirit, 7-1 Deplete, 8-1 Validad, Menimoore 10-1 Landeid, 12-1 Ramille, I Kid You Not, 14-1 others. 1986: MOSTS OF TIME 6-10-8 R Beggen (3-1) C Vernon Miller 6 ran 71 3.30 WIKE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,343: 2m 4f 100yd) (7 R Supple • 95 S Turner • 96 ... Ger Lyons • 94 N Smith — . Gary Lyons . C Prince (3) Cappingbara Rides Per cent 159 19.5 23 17.4 72 15.3 29 13.8 209 12.9 47 12.8 Long handlesp: Western Revival 9-8.
BETTING: 3-1 Alian Giszed, 4-1 Kerali, 9-2 Numerate, 5-1 Aliasty Fox, 7-1 Dunstell, 20-1 Deedline Western Revival. 1969; KERSE. 12-10-12 C Dermis (6-1) J Swiers 5 ran 4.5 HEALAUGH NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,814: 2m) (14 runners)

..... Si Dayer P Lack S Dávics (5) G Brackey BAYFORD ENERGY OF (Mrs J Turner) R Whiteler 10-10 DETTER TIMES AHEAD 7 (E Briggs) G Richards 10-10 R Begger (...... R Starley R Starley G McCourt BETTING: 9-4 Fair Prospect, 7-2 Iterus, 4-1 Easy Over, 6-1 Question Of Degree, 8-1 Segaman, 10-1 1985: GALLANT GESTURE 4-10-10 A Webb (4-1) K Morgan 10 ran

Channon's sights on new goals

hand and laughed Two weeks ago, with the ink barely dry on his Jockey Club trainer's licence, a horse had lashed out and caught the former football international smack on the knuckle. It was a reminder to Channon, who won 46 caps for England, that training racehorses is no safer than playing in the Football

League.
Channon, whose memorable goalscoring career with Southampton, Manchester City, Newcastle United, Bristol City, Norwich City and Portsmouth was almost injury free will begin training in Lambourn next month with a string of four jumpers and 20 Flat horses. For the time being he is working as assistant to the Hampshire trainer, Ken Cunningham-Brown, For Channon, this is the final stage of an apprenticeship that began at 15 when he had his first bet. He backed Tintagel, trained near where he lived in Wiltshire, to win the Ebor.

This week. Channon was to be found supervising Cunningham-Brown's three-year-olds as they went through their paces at Danebury Place, where more than 100 years ago John Day set a record for the number of winners trained in a season. Channon issued instructions to the riders as they circled next to the ivy-covered ruin of the old Stockbridge racecourse grandstand. It was damp and cold but Channon, wearing a shorter haircut than in his playing days, was in his element. "I want you to come upsides this time," he told them. "Just let 'em breeze up together."

Channon is not the first leading footballer of the 1970s to become a trainer. Francis Lee took out a licence three years ago and was one of the North's leading Flat trainers last season with 27 winners. Channon said mockingly: "Franny didn't know what a flipping horse was when he was playing. But there's no big secret to training horses, especially moderate ones Dedication is all that matters."

Nevertheless, the job does turn people grey, and Channon is entering the profession at a difficult time. Rising overheads and a shortage of experienced staff have forced several trainers out of the game in the last two years. In Lambourn alone, Ray Laing, Nick Vigors and Mark Smyly have all shut up shop. What is more, Channon will be operating at the lower end of the scale, with cheap horses, none of whom cost more than 10,000 guineas, chasing even cheaper prizes. "It's no good moaning, you've got to get on with it." Channon said. "Of course it's competitive. If it wasn't, I wouldn't want to know. The competition is the whole incentive. That's what gives you the buzz."

Channon has been wanting to train since he retired from football in 1986 and his credentials are sound. He has owned and bred racechorses for nearly 20 years and has enjoyed notable success. His greatest moment as a breeder came only two months ago when Ghofar won the Hennessy Gold Cup. Channon bred him at his Hampshire stud and sold him as a onceraced three-year-old. He chuckled: "I was very pleased with the price —



On the gallops: Lambourn new boy Mick Channon has a realistic view of the chances of making the grade in difficult times for his chosen profes

at the time." Ghofar's dam, Royal Final, was also born at Channon's Jamesmead Stud, on the day that Channon helped Southampton beat Manchester United United in the 1976 FA Cup final.

Fellow punters in those days included Alan Ball, who was often grateful to Channon for privileged 'late wires". Their biggest win came one New Year's Day when the only race meeting to survive the frost was Devon and Exeter, Channon recalls: "We were playing Arsenal at home in the morning, so it had to be an off-course gamble. I hadn't told a soul about the horse but after the match, which we lost 1-0, I told 'Bally' to come to the betting shop.

The horse won at 16-1. We took home about eight grand.'

Channon's love of racing was so great that football sometimes had to take second place. Lawrie McMenemy, then manager of Southampton, was more amused than amazed when Channon asked to be left out of a tour to Dubai because it clashed with the National Hunt Festival. McMenemy gave way, and influenza was given as the reason for Channon's absence. In hindsight, a trip to Dubai, home of the Maktoum family, might have

been time well spent. Channon said: "I'd be thrilled if the Arabs sent me a few horses, but I wouldn't want to be a private

trainer." Many of Channon's owners are friends and businessmen from Hampshire but also backing him are Kevin Keegan and the photographer, Koo Stark, who owns a leg in a horse called Slow

He insists that his will not be a gambling stable. This will amuse his former team colleagues, but Channon says: "Of course I like a bet, but I don't go mad." There will be no stable jockey, and fancied runners will be ridden by the best jockey available. "Pat Eddery rode nine times for Ken last season and won five times. But don't print that; it'll ruin the odds next time." Channon's head lad is Jim Da-

vies, who as J. H. Davies, rode Robin Wonder to victory in the County Hurdle at Cheltenham seven years ago. Davies, who has worked for David Elsworth and David Nicholson, says: "Mick's the best guy nor I've had. He's ambitious, but he's realistic. And he doesn't mind getting stuck in."

Channon's first runner will probably be the hurdler, Rowlandsons Trophy, who at present is with Cunningham-Brown. Channon said: "I'm sorry to leave Ken but you've got to get on, and I'm lucky that some of the owners are coming with me. I'm not expecting miracles but if you stick in there and you've got a good staff, you'll survive."

Qadir is sent into Test exile as two old friends fall out

From John Woodcock, Melbourne

learning. 'Jawan', I am not bowling to my best standard, but I am not bowling badly." All

But Innan's faith in Qadir has

been waning for some time. In Pakistan's last Test match,

against India at Sialkot last

month, Qadir was given only two overs (both maidens) of the

169 which Pakistan bowled,

although in the first two Tests he

which Qadir has carried is flickering, another leg spinner,

med, is on his way here, bearing one of his own. If the day ever

comes when India and Pakistan

turn away from spin, to pursue

the modern stereotype, they may lose fewer matches but they

will win hardly any.

Qadir has an interesting theory as to why leg spinners from the subcontinent have special difficulty making the

adjustment necessary to bowl to left-handers. Besides the usual reasons (the ball turning into the

bat, the change of line, the angle of flight etc) he points to the rarity of left-handed batsmen in

India and Pakistan.
Of Australia's 15 leading run-

setters in Test cricket seven have "stood the wrong way round"; of the first 13 West Indians, five have, Sobers and

Lloyd among them. New Zea-land can contribute two great

left-handers, Donnelly

er side to have any success.

Failing a change of heart by and aggressive. And I am still learning 'Jawan', I am not bowling to my best standard, stubborn characters, Qadir will soon be back in Lahore, his pride a lot more bruised than the third finger on his bowling hand, a minor injury which has been used as a pretext for his return and his absence from the first Test starting here today. Managers the world over should spare a thought for Intikhab Alam, who has the Pakistanis to look after. All that is certain

Until recently Imran was Qadir's staunchest supporter. "Unless Qadir goes, I won't" has been his ultimatum to a succession of selection committees. Imran knows a matchhis day Qadir, with his wonder-ful range of wrist spin, can make monkeys of the finest bassmen.

For the last 13 years he has seen one of the game's great entertainers, a mer t's magic circle, and at 34 he is fit and he badly wants the 80 more Test wickets he needs to overtake the 309 taken by Lance

Qadir's audacity. Even for a Pakistani he is highly temperamental. He must be tired of cricket, too. So, anyway for the moment, Imran, sadly, has de-cided to be rid of him. Allan Border got it right yesterday when he said: "I'm surprised he's going home with so much of the tour left, but you never know

Qadir himself says: "It is part of life, and it is good for my country that I should leave. I will pray to God and hope to come back with pride, dignity

Qadir thinks he is bowling better than Imran does. "I bowled 32.2 overs against Queensland in the last match and took one for 80 and had three catches dropped. I was Pakistan's best bowler in the Nehru Cup and best in the World Cup. I can bowl a googly from here, here and here [from almost behind his left ear, that is, or with the arm high above the shoulder, or with a roundarm action]. I am brave-minded

sunk by Gloucester a teenager

Graveney

stays at

new two-year contract with Gloucestershire, the county he began his career with in 1972. There had been speculation that the left-arm spinner, who will manage the unofficial Eng-land tour to South Africa this

"We are very pleased agree-ment has been reached and now, hopefully, David will see out his career with us," Philip August,

Gloucestershire have also anmounced they will not be following up an interest in David
Gower, the former England
captain. They had given
Leicestershire a formal twoweek notice of approach but
August explained: "That was a
precaution and we have not
spoken to him."
Gower met Mike Tarmer, the

Gower met Mike Teruer, the chief executive of Leicestershire, for more talks yesterday but gave no clear indication of whether he would be playing for the county this sum

Succliffe, as well as Wright and Hadlee; England have had Gower, John Edrich, Woolley, Leyland, Paynter and others. Yet the only Indian left-hander of any distinction has been Wadekar, and the only Pakistanis in their first 20 are Wasim Raja and Sadiq Mohammad, both well down the list. If it were golf the answer could be a scarcity of left-handed clubs -but left-handed bats are right-Can it just be coincidence?

19, took four wickets for 14 runs as Sri Lanka crashed to 103 all out on the first day of their twoday match against the Austra-lian Cricket Academy yesterday. Julian, the captain, put the visitors in to bat, and made the

Moving his left-arm medium cer deliveries bolb lian was almost unplayable during the morning session and his spell which cost only four runs. three wickets, the Sri Lankans were reduced to 61 for eight soon after lunch and an unbeaten 35 by the tailender, Ranjid Madurasinghe, helped

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Victorian. Craig White, un-beaten on 43 and Carneron Williamson, of South Australia,

to a two-innings match after the Sri Lankan collapse.

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Reid back on old stamping ground

Ron Reid, who left his job as manager of Stafford Rangers last month, has returned for a third spell at Roston United who was put in temporary charge last week after the dismissal of George Kerr. Neither Cusack nor Reid has

been appointed on a permanent basis, but they will be given time to prove themselves. They appear to have the makings of a good partnership. Cusack, a defender who enjoyed a long career in League football; mainly with Southend United, has had brief spells as manage of Doncaster Rovers and Rotherham United. He ioined Boston as a player last year.

Reid, a former Boston player, returned to the Lincolnshire club two years ago as assistant to Kerr, but resigned after only four months of last season, apparently because of a breakdown in their working relation-ship. He returned to Stafford last year for a second term as manager but left after a dispute with his chairman. A highly respected coach, he is also assistant manager of the Eng-land semi-professional team and may prefer to work at club level as assistant rather than

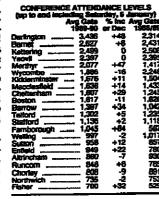
Cusack and Reid could hardly have a more difficult start, for their first match together will be an FA Trophy first round tie tomorrow at home to Maccles-field Town, the leaders of the GM Vauxhall Conference.

However, their next four games could give them a chance to impress and improve their position two places off the bottom of the table. In the Conference they play away at Sutton United and at home to Altrincham and Fisher Athletic, who also visit York Street in the

At the other end of the Conference table, Darlington have bought Phil Linacre, the Newcastle Blue Star forward. for an undisclosed five-figure fee and Barnet are hoping to sign Paul Harding, the Enfield forward. Barnet are believed to have offered about £75,000, but Enfield are understood to be asking for more. A move by Barnet for David Howell, the fessional captain, has fallen through for similar reasons.

Town have made further in-quiries this week about Andrew Clarke, Barnet's highly rated forward, but are hesitating over the £250,000 fee. United States officials, meanwhile, have contacted Clarke, who has Ameri can ancestors, to discuss the possibility of his playing for them in the World Cup this Barnet are one of 14 Con-

ference clubs enjoying im-proved attendances this season. Their gates are up by eight per cent to an average of 2,627. The only better supported club are Darlington, whose average of 3.436 is a 48 per cent improve-ment on their figure in the fourth division last season. Other clubs showing substan-tial improvements include Mer-



thyr Tydfil (up 47 per cent to 2.077), Cheltenham Town (up 29 per cent to 1,607), Barrow (up 34 per cent to 1,397), and ugh Town (up 84 per cent to 1,045).

Overall, Conference atten-

dances are 14 per cent up on last season and at their highest levels ever. The average crowd in the league is now 1.498, a remarkable 93 per cent improvement on the last season before the introduction of automatic promotion to the Football League four seasons ago.

John Williams, the new manager of Stafford Rangers, has appointed Kevin Lewis, the former Telford United assistant manager, as his deputy. • Peter Howell, the Kidder-minster Harriers forward, has

become the club's first full-time

player. He has signed a two-year

SQUASH RACKETS

Age is no barrier to success

By Colin McOuillan

First played in 1975 to bridge the gap between juniors and seniors, under-23 champion-ships are very much a British development. That Snauwaert have converted them to a Young Masters Invitation event at Dunnings Mill, East Grinstead, over the next four days is recognition that players are now maturing at a much younger age.

All four top seeds in the 16-strong men's field regularly feature in the latter stages of leading senior events. Only Peter Marshall and Simon Parke, who recently contested the British under-19 final, and Julien Bonetat, of France, still compete among junior ranks.

HOCKEY

Ealing to face grittier Great Harwood side

The fourth of the nine rounds of matches in the Typhoo National Women's League will be played tomorrow when the leaders, Slough, meet third-placed Sut-ton Coldfield at Alexander Stadium, Perry Barr, Birmingham (Joyce Whitehead writes).

Ealing, in second place, meet Great Harwood on Dairy Meadows, Southall. The teams last met in the semi-finals of the 1989 national championship, when Ealing won 7-0, but Great Harwood, after losing to Slough in September, have drawn with Orpington and Sutton Coldfield, so Ealing face an improved

Hightown, who are led by Maggie Souyave, are at home to Exmouth, at Wyncote Sports Centre, Liverpool. Orpington play Leicester at Newstead Wood School, Orpington, and both teams are looking for their first win. At Bristol University, Stoke Bishop, Clifton, play Chelrusford.



Mir Zaman Gul, of Pakistan, the top seed, is third behind the mighty Khans in his domestic ratings, and not very far behind. He even led Jahangir Khan in an early round of the last British open championship before losing his tactical nerve in the last

Del Harris, the British champion and second seed, can be devastating against all but the very best. Aged 20, he is so much a part of the senior game that his status as world junior champion scarcely rates notice.

Rodney Eyles, of Australia, has beaten all but Jahangir and Jansher Khan during the past year, while Paul Gregory, the British doubles champion,

would almost certainly have been selected for England in the last world championships had he not been in dispute with the

The women's field of eight is similarly established. Among Michelle Martin and Sarah FitzGerald, both Austra lians, who rank seven and eight on the senior world list. Lucy Soutter, the British champion, is seeded only third because ex-tended fitness problems dropped her to twelfth on the dropped her to tweitin on the world list over the past eighteen

Such is the strength of the field, however, that Donna Vardy, the junior world cham-

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Barclays League Third division

Fourth division

RUGBY LEAGUE (7.30 unless stated)
SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP: Preliminary
round: Thetto Heath v Battey (at St SRIK CUT CHALLENGE OUT THE TRANSPORT OF THE THE CHARLENGE OF THE CHARLENGE FIRST ST. SLALOM LAGER ALLIANCE First Givens, 8.0). ST. Alliance Castleford v Featherstone Rovers, Halfax v Warrington, Hull v St Helens (8.0), Othern v Hulk Rf. Salford v Wigan, Widnes v Hunslet. Second divisions Huddersteld v Bradford Northern, Trafford Bor. v Shaffeld Eagles (8.0), Wakefield Trinity v Ryadale York.

OTHER SPORT OARTS: World professional champ-ionship (Frimley Green). SNOOKER: Mercantile Credit Classic (Nothreck Castle, Biackpool). SQUASH RACKETS: Sns Masters (East Grinsteed).

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: Screensport 8-10am and 9.30pm-midnight: National Football League: AFC play-offs.

BASKETBALL: Eurosport 3-5pm: High-lights from the European club circuit: Screensport 3.15-5pm: College match: BILLIARDS: Eurosport 11.15pm-12.15am: Three-Cushica World Cop: Highlights from Berlin, West Germany. BCXING: Screensport 11.45sm-1.15pm and makingst: Professional and Top Rank events from the United States.

DARTS: 11.20pm-12.20pm: Coverage of

POOTBALL: Screensport 10-11.45am: Spenish Leegue: Real Madrid v Atlètic Madrid: Esrasport 11am-1pm; Liesabon tournament: Highlights of the final. FORD SKI REPORT: Eurosport Spm. GOLF: Screensport 6-7:30pm: United States PGA: Highlights of the Mony Tournement of champions.

GYMNASTICS: Eurosport 5-6pm; World Cup: Highlights from Stutigart, West Germany.
ICE HOCKEY: Screensport 7.30-9.30pm:
National Hockey Lague.
ICE SKATING: Screensport 1.15-2pm;
Highlights of the Skate America Exhibition of Champions.on or chempions. MOSIL MOTOR SPÖRT NEWS: Euroepor 10-10.30mm.

KOTOR SPORT: Eurosport 9-10am and 10.15-11.15pm: Hevoc 9: Coverage of 1.5-11.13pm: newock: Coverage or incruciae crashes: Euroeport 6-7pm: Rocroex: Highlights of the Indoor smannet from Antwerp, Belgium: rosport 1-2, 10-10.15pm and 12.15-30am (comorrow): Highlights of the ris-Daker raily. OWERSPORTS INTERNATIONAL: SCHOOLS OF THE SCHOOL

RUGBY UNION: Eurosport 7-8.30pm; Your match: Highlights of Barbartens v New Zeeland from Twickenham. SNOOKER: ITV 1.30-2 and 3-3.25pm: Coverage of the Mercantile Credit Clea-sic from the Norbrack Castle, Blackpool. SPORT ON FRIEDAY: BSBC2, 1.35-3.50pm: Darte: Highlights of the Embassy world professional championating from Frindey Green: Racker, 2.05, 2.35, 3.05 and 3.40 from Ascot: Football: FA Cup preview: ide of Sport: Review of the year. SURFING: Eurosport 10:30-11em: Surfec

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TEMBES: Eurosport 2-3 and 8.30-9pm: Best of The Year: Chang v Lend in the French Open from Parts, and Tembes Legends: Nastase v Gimeno.

EQUESTRIANISM Exhibition to tempt

horse lover

By Jenny MacArthur

aren Straker, a member of the 1988 Olympic silver medal win-ning three-day event team, will open the innovative British Horse and Rider Show, which starts today at the Wembley Exhibition Centre.

The three-day show, the first of its kind in Britain, is designed to "educate, inform and enterbrainchild of Simon Madden, of Focus Events, who, surprised that a sport with 3½ million participants did not have its own in-house show, decided to inaugurate one. He hopes it will soon rank alongside the Boat Show and the Ski Show. There has been little difficulty

in attracting the sport's leading names: two national champions Graham Fletcher in show iumping and Christine Dick in driving - will demonstrate their sport. Other experts will give displays in a variety of eques-trian disciplines from vaulting to side-saddle riding.
In between the demonstrations, visitors can learn about

road safety, freeze marking - to help prevent horse theft — and the art of the farrier. Special attractions include the official retirement of Robert Lemieux's The Gamesmaster, the horse which propelled his

rider to the forefront of the sport when selected for the 1984 Olympic three-day event squad, after finishing fifth at his first Badminton that year. The 13year-old gelding will spend his retirement hunting with the Blackmore and Sparkford Veil The show, which has already

sold 3,000 tickets, is open daily from 10am till 6pm. · Lemieux, who is still recover-

ing from the broken pelvis he sustained in a fall last summer. is using the British Horse Rider Show to launch the British Cross-Country Centre due to be completed in May. The centre, on a 70-acre site at Burnham in Buckinghamshire, will consist of 150 cross-country fences, a 3,000 square metre lake, a sixfurlong all-weather gallop and two steeplechase gallops. Any rider can hire the facilities which, with the recent demise of the Wylye Schooling Ground in Wiltshire, will be the only training centre of its kind in Britain.

Wincanton

Geing: good

12.30 (2m hole) 1, STEPHENS PET (G
Bradley, 100-30); 2, Cooks Linen (P Soudamore, 15-2; 3, Middlewick (A Mulholland, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 3 fav Lothian
Sultan, 15-2 East River (Sth), 14 Culck
Repor, 16 Royal Refrain. Treveylor, 20
Cotshele (pu), 33 Chance Again, Sister-InLaw (4th), 50 Jamp. Knovesione, Only For
Me (pu), Whilter, Alands (8th), Eve From
Eden, Millady, Mundy Moon (ro), 19 ran,
Sh hd, 4, 5t, 11, 61, 0 O'Nell at
Chellanham. Tote: £3.90; £1.20, £2.96, £3.30. DF: £12.50. CSF: £26.87.

1.0 (2m ch) 1, GEMERALLY RIGHT (R 13.30. DF: £72.50. CSF: £25.67.

1.6 (2m ch) 1, GENERALLY RIGHT (R. Dumwoody, 6-4 inv; Michael Senty's rap);
2. Southal Stant (A Tory, 1-4-1); 3, Marinet Lander (B. Dowling, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2
11 High (pu), 10 Acclaim (411), Broche (f),
33 Rummary Train (5th), 7 ran: 3, 121, 25,
251. D Nicholson at Stow-On-The Wold.
Tole: £2.20; £1.90, £4.20. DF: £7.40. CSF:
£17.92.

217.92.
1.30 (2m Indie) 1, NAATELL, (A Tory, 11-2; 2, Squadron (S Turmer, 6-1); 3, Russhuan (W Irvine, 7-1); 4, Hamper (D Skryme, 12-1); ALSO FARK: 4 fav Thurfestore (6th), 11 Vandenberg, 12 Witshire Yeoman, Longpharsi, 20 Golden Acre, Tremmin, Tuff Stick, 25 Atip, Belty Goy Sein, 33 The Griffer, Garaghty Again, 50 Incredible Lady, 65 King Universe, Go-Go-Sem, West Lodge Lady, 19 ran. 41, 294, 294, 295, 2150, 2 2.8 (2m S ch) 1. TOBY TOBIAS (M Pa-man, 6-5; 2, Pegeall Bay (C Llewellyn, 8-11 far); 3, The Fruit (Mrs M Ledger, 200-1). ALSO RAM: 150 Vestage Land (4th), 4 ran. 8t, cist, 30l. Mrs J Phrosan at Upper Lambourn. Tota: \$2.00. DF: £1.18. CSF:

2.30 (2m 6f hole) 1, SOCIAL CLEARER 2.30 (2m 6f ndie) 1, SOCIAL CLIMBER (H) Device, 11-4; Minacientr's eap); 2, Ass. Mose (J Frost, 20-1); 3, Return To Remance (J Lodder, 6-1); ALSO RAN: 13-8 atv Rock Of Ages (4st), 7 The Bynthacker (ro), 20 General James, Mighty Falcon (8th), 05creet Charm (f), Long Tall Sally, 25 Myetic Pelson, 33 Shopwell, Tearful Prince, 50 Adelsure, After You (pu), Curry Express, Eurodis (pu), Father John (5th), Le Relish (pu), Military Express, Secret Member (pu), Crackermac, 21 ran, NRE Ethiopian King, Rydowells Daughter, 5, 71, 51, 62, 21, T Forster at Lettoribe Bassett, Tote: 23-50; \$1.50, \$4.60, \$2.20. Dr. 139, 81, 11 (ch) 1, 198CLF Matter and

DF: 258.80. CSF: 256.74.

3.0 (Sm 11 ch) 1, UNCLE MERILIN (H)
Davies, 8-1): 2, Kingswood Richente (J)
Frost, 4-1 fav): 3, Fance Jadge (C Llewellyn, 12-1). ALSO RAM-9-2 Burnbles Folly
(4th), Hurry Up Henry, 13-2 Another Scheduir (ur), 12 Greenburk Park (5th), 14
Friendly Henry, Morn One Way, 20 Tiger
Ted (pu), 33 Foot's Pleasure (pu), The
Lucipenny Man (6th), 12 ran. NR: Trout
Angler, 193, 10t, 11, 251, 151. T Poster at
Letcombe Basselt. Tota: 28.20; 23.20.
51.80, 53.20. OF: 252.60. CSF: 237.70.
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3.30 (2m hd/s) 1, FIFTH AMENDMENT
(M Piaman, 4-1): 2, Laundrymen (S Cowiev, 6-4 fav): 3, Dorneu's Pride (N Mann,
10-1): ALSO FAML 8 Right HB, Straight
Brandy, 18 Bell Down L8d, Gramys Pajaco (5th), 20 Maybe Beby, The Mosses, 25
Ten Deep, 33 Cowden Cottege (4th),
Hawloss Bay (5th), Turpin's Green (f), 56
Milto's Clemend, Playpen, Futer's Gold,
Le Bileu, (pu), Tortale Bridge, 18 ras. 101, 3,
SI, 61, rik. Mrs. J. Planen at Upper
Lambourn, Toter 27-70; 22.20, 5140. Lambourn. Tote: \$7.70; \$2.20, \$1.40, \$12.50. CSP. \$10.49, \$1.40,

them to three figures.

At the close the Academy were on 162 for four with the 21 not out.

intended to be one innings of 100 overs each but was altered

YESTERDAY'S RACING RESULTS

Southwell

Golog: standard

12.45 (Im), IRISH PASSAGE (M Wigham, 4-1); 2, Evichetar (K Fallon, 5-2 fav); 3, Paystahooz (S Majoney, 8-1), ALSO RAN: 3 Master Plan (5th), 4 Eccolina (4th), 8 Mass Sarajane, 10 Markatitan River, 14 Windahum, Trace Of Irony, 16 Catimini (8th), 20 Tacoma Heights, 25 Ibn Nass, Sonaito, 13 ran, Nk., rk., 5, M., nk. T Baronn at Thirsk, Toke 27.00; 22.30, 21.80, 21.80, DF: 214.00. CSF: £18.22, Tricast £83.97. After a stewards inquiry, the result stands. CSP: £18.22. Tricast £83.97. After a stemands inquiry, the result stands.

1.15 (1m) 1. TELEGRAPH CALLGER! (S Maloney, 5-2 lav); 2, Abigains Dream (J Cuinn, 3-1; 3, Walley Lad (S Wood, 11-4)3. ALSO FAAL 11-2 Great Service (4th), 6 Clock Goff (6th), 16 Legal Screek (5th), 6 ran. NP. Andriewer Fast; 41, hd, 5, 22, 25. M Britain at Warthill. Tole: £2.70, £1.90, 22.80. DF: £2.70. CSF. £3.84.

1.45 (7) 1, MSS NOBORT (J Oulnn, 3-1); 2. Conjuser (A. McGlone, 10-11 fav); 3. Able Roctast (N. Adams, 2-1), 3 ran, NR; Susanne's Secret. Hd. 5. R Baselman at Wetherby. Tota: £2.80. DF: £2.00. CSF: 25.74.

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2.15 (7) 1. BRONZE CROSS (Alex. Grasves, 5-1); 2. Hung Over (M Wichigh. 6-1); 3. Dement (K Fellon, 14-1). ALSO RAM: 2 hav Felcon Flight, 4 Marieno, 12 Mas Schille, Ledy Blade Singer (4th), 14 Cross Bay, Langham Lady, (6 Les Yeux D'Amour, 20 Enterprise Prince (8th), 25 Yuffrouw Ann, Vuchterbacher (5th), 15car, Hot Tan, 15 ran, NR: Light Your Fire. 8, 244, 34, 24, 24, 7 Barron at Thirst. Tole: 27-20; 52-40, 21-50, 23-50. DF: 227-20. CSF: 538.84.

DF: 227.20. CSS- 238.84.

2.45 (1m 5t) 1, KISHL WORTH CASTLE (S Perks, 11-8 fav); 2. Christman Holly U Caim, 5-21 3, Drag Artist (S Majoney, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 10 fars: Halo, Sist Domino (etn), 12 Hojn Alott, Galboway Raider, So Giffad, 14 Susan Henchard, 21 Trojan War, Dominicus, 25 Palais De Dariss, Donosa, Dru Ri's Bru Ri (5th), Mass Pattonna (eth), 15 ran, 11, 11, 5, 4, 51 R Holinshaad at Upper Longdon, Toles, 289: 21.70, 21.30, 22.40. DF: 22.30.

2.15 (1m 3f) 1, SR RUFLIS (T Origin, 2.

CSF: 27.50. Tricesc: 215.67.

3.15 (1m 3f) 1, SRI RUFUS (T Quinn, 9-2); 2, Down The Valley (A McGone, 6-1);
3. Concert Pitch (N Adams, 14-1). ALSO
RAN: Evens by Glassondale, 6 Supreme
Blues (40), 9 Tistone Lodge, 10 Rassen
(6th). Parcy's Pet, Birmingham's Pride
(5th), Yet, 12 Randezvous Bay, 14 Just
Too Brevs, 20 Noble Son, 25 Amphotoric
Verture, 14 ran. 6; 2; 6; 5; ½; C Nelson
st Upper Lambourn. Tota: £13.62: £5.00,
£3.00, £1.60. DF: \$48.90. CSF: £42.84.
Tricest: £378.59.

 The Jockey Club's report on the abandonment of Doncaster's St Leger meeting will be discussed at its weekly meeting on Monday and a statement made later in the week.

● A planning application for Newbury's new stand is to be submitted shortly. The stand will have a capacity of 10,000. Peter Hobbs had to give up his two booked rides at Wincanton yesterday after injuring a knee at Plumpton on Wednesday.

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BOXING

Togetherness: Foreman (left) and Cooney join forces to publicize their meeting on Monday

Cooney relishing his

return to the big time

From Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent, Atlantic City

Spinks on a two-year wait as the

bout went through the all too familiar off-and-on process in

boxing. Of the unrelieved train-ing stretching out before him, Cooney said: "I felt like a rubber

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FOOTBALL

Arsenal are spared by the FA from further punishment

Everton manager (Ian Ross

writes). "If a player is un-

happy at Everton then we do

not stand in his way, that has

always been our policy," Har-

to recoup in full the amount he

paid for Cottee, it is likely that Everton would accept an offer

comments to a referee. He was

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The three-man com-

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comments to George Tyson,

the referee, in the tunnel after

his side had been beaten 1-0

by Manchester City at Maine

Kevin Moran, the former

Road on September 9.

of around £1.3 million.

costs of £100.

Although Harvey would like

Arsenal, who took their own disciplinary action against players who protested to match officials at Villa Park after their 2-1 defeat against Aston Villa on December 30, have escaped further censure by the FA.

The club was asked to comment on the report of Jim Ashworth, the referee, about the protests over Villa's second goal. Graham Kelly, the chief executive of the FA, said yesterday: "I welcome the swift internal disciplinary action taken by Arsenal against their players. It is clear that the interventions of Tony Adams (the club captain) and Gary Lewin (the physiotherapist) were helpful in defusing and suspension was correct.

As a QPR player, Reid made

Peter Reid, who joined Manchester City on a free transfer from Queen's Park Rangers last month, yesterday lost his appeal to the FA against a fine of £1,000 and suspension for two matches for making "foul and abusive"

Manchester United centre half, could be rejoining his old

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Weekgate in-surance Cup: Third round, first log: Bashley 5, Best 1. Third round, according Atherstone 3, Bromsgrove 1 (4-3 on agg). VAXXHALL LEAGUE: Second division north: Total Total VAUSHALL LEAGUE: Second division north: Tring Town 1, Vaushell Motors 3. Second division south Motors 4, Fethern 1. LANCASHRE FLOODLIT LEAGUE: Derven 1, Lancaster 3. ERKS AND BUCKS SENIOR CUP: First

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ENGLISH SCHOOLS TROPHY: Fourth round replay: Chebracker 2, West Cornwal 3 (sed. BARCLAYS BANK URDER-19 SCHOOLS TROPHY: Oswestry 1, Cadbury College, Strategiern 3: Solituil College 1, Caulden College, Stoke 6.

Tony Cottee, bought from Sheffield Wednesday. Moran, West Ham United for £2 an Irish international has an Irish international, has million in June 1988, has had been released by Sporting 2 written transfer request Giion.

granted by Colin Harvey, the Paul Gascoigne, of Tottenham Hotspur, has been banned for two matches but he will serve the suspension while he is on the sidelines recovering from a broken arm sustained at Coventry 10 days ago.

The Football League has refused Bristol Rovers permission to increase the money paid to their players, Rovers wanted to amend all contracts following the £1.5 million deals which saw Nigel Martyn go to Crystal Palace and Gary Penrice to Watford.

● Norwich City's FA Cup fourth-round clash with the holders Liverpool at Carrow Road will be the live game shown by BBC television on Sunday January 28. Sheffield Wednesday's FA Cup fourthround tie against Everton or Middlesbrough at Hillsbrough on the same day will kick off at noon to avoid a clash.

FA CUP: Revised fourth-round draw: Bristol City v Cheises: Norwich City v Liverpool; Rochdale v Northerpion Town, Aston Villa v Port Vale; Reading v Newcastle United; Southempton v Oxford: Barntsley u Ipswich Town; Hereford United v Manchester United; Banckpool v Torquey United; Sheffleld Wednesdey v Aliddestrough or Everon: Sheffleld United v Westlord; Manchester City or Millwell v Cambridge United; Oldham v Brighton; Crystal Peleon v Huddersteld Town; Arsenal v Cucen's Park Rangers; Bolton Wanderers, winners

of the Sherpa Van Trophy last season, are at home to Rotherham United in the Northern Section quarter-finals of its replacement competition, the

RESULTS. Merr Brighe Steals Note: Service (MS) in Wheel Plants S

A survey of state schools and sight-form colleges in Brighton and Hove shows a striking decline in the physical fitness and skills of 16-year-old pupils.

The investigation demonstrates a survey of state schools and the tip of the iceberg. "It is ludicrous that ment has designated core curriculum subject fails to allocate reson the survey is success." The investigation dem-onstrates a reduction in the levels of participation since the teachers' industrial action in the late 1980s and an increase in the number of qualified PE teachers leaving the profession.

Peter Lawson, the secretary of the Central Council of Physical Recreation, which represents the national governing bodies of sport, said: "Inis survey has an a general demonstration or revealed a shocking state of pupils due to an over extended affairs. It is astounding that options programme, which dedicated teachers have to cope tended to produce "armchair with such an alarming decline in sportsmen and women who with such an alarming decline in sportsmen and women who government and local support preferred to opt out rather than for what they are trying to do for British youngsters and it is only it sixth main conclusion was over Reneber

the familar one of a decline of the number of non-specialist PE teachers to assist in out-of-school sports activities. "It is ludicrous that government has designated PE as a core curriculum subject and yet Two months ago, the Govern-ment came under attack by the

fails to allocate resources to ensure its success." The survey, carried out by a group of professional PE teachers, centred on two sixth form colleges and six comprehensive alyzed by 14 qualified PE

It also found that there was a decline in the maintenance of grounds and facilities in schools and a "general demotivation" of

second shot, long and right of the green at the 439-yard par

four, resulted in the first bogey

In the still desert air, where

spectators' stomach rumblings constituted a violation of the

He also drove in among the cacti at the 3rd, a par five, but saved his par each time and had birdie chances at the next two

holes. He was two over par after nine, having missed a two-foot putt at the 9th. Tim Simpson, from Atlanta, was eight under par after 11 holes, playing at Randolph North, the easier

year for Invalid Childrens' Aid Nationwide (Mitchell Platts

Wilmslow, and Moore.

The squad is strong in defence

and their recent 45 goals in four games against the powerful Syracuse University touring side illustrates their scoring

ability. Don Bennett, the man-

ager said: "Our recent 15-11 win

against Syracuse University is a

OTHER SCHAD MEMBERS: P Condron, J Mountdey, P Collins, A Booth, D Ewood, M Orme, J Simbson, M Clark, M Savege, J Lord, W Sandy, R Nicholis, D Hallows, J Symington, S Morey, P Ryan, Coscies, M Roberts, J Berdsley.

great encouragement."

of the year.

Pro-am prize dispute

A dispute has arisen over a trip decided by a raffle. However, to Japan on offer in the Johnnie the R and A's rules secretary.

However, the Royal and Anorganized by the Professional Conference of Club has informed Golfers Association, will hope of the that anyone accepting it to raise more than £40,000 this

LACROSSE

Newcomers for Perth

England have the United States, the holders, Australia, Canada, and the frequois Indians firmly are Moran, Mark Hodkin, of

mendations of a report it commissioned on sport and physical education. However, Angela Rumbold, the Minister for Education, said

there were only six of the 32 recommendations which had not been accepted by the Government, but added that it was not for "ministers to start laving down what teachers should or should not do". That she stressed was up to

authors for rejecting key recom-

the working party on the national curriculum, whose PE group is being convened.

Renewal of the Renewal Renewal of the Renewal Renewal of the Renew A rumble of discontent for Lyle in the desert

GOLF

Sandy Lyle was looking relaxed seemed to be working, for he sandy Lyte was looking resisted and confident on the practice ground before yesterday's first round of the Northern Telecom Tucson Open at the Tournament Players' Club at StarPass – his first round of a new and, he hopes, successful were a little more tense. The second shot, long and right of

"I just didn't know what I was doing towards the end of last season," he said. "But now I've had a few weeks off, time to telas all the muscles that had got into had he held a relay the Cuy had to make a company of the com into bad habits and to relax the players' concentration, Lyle then drove into the long, narrow, winding bunker that runs the length of the second fairway.

The second massis out days sanuch better than I was. I have been hitting a lot of shots off the middle of the chib in-practice and I feel I can win before too long. My main aim, Though, is to do well in the US Open this year. That's what I'd really like." any nas." Lyle is working on remaining

more upright when he hits the ball, not dropping his left shoul-der, as he did with dreadful results for his striking and his

Bnan Harwood the or-

in their sights as the 25-man

squad prepares for the world championships in Perth, Austra-lia, in July (Peter Tatlow writes).

There are 11 new caps in the

ganizer, says the winners will be writes).

Sighs of relief could be heard all around St Helens last night when the disciplinary committee meeting gave a "not guilty" verdict to Shane Cooper, the St Helens captain,

cooper had been sent off for tripping against Leigh last Sunday, and a suspension of any duration would have kept him out of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup preliminary round match against Castleford at Knowsley Road on Sunday. St Helens have a long injury list, and the loss of their leader could have proved a crimbine blow.

proved a crippling blow.

Cooper was particularly fearful of the outcome, since he has
already served one eight-match
suspension this season, and had
the committee found him guilty of tripping, after viewing a video recording of the match, he could have expected little mercy.
Other decisions of the committee are due to be announced today, after another St Helens'

RUGBY LEAGUE

Cooper free to appear in Challenge Cup

By Keith Macklin

Cooper had been sent off for

player, Les Quirk, and the Bradford Northern forward,

Karl Fairbank, made personal

ATHLETICS

appearances last night.

youd Foreman.

Under the guidance of Gil Clancy — "just two crazy Irish gays together" Cooney said.

"We had three meetings at race tracks," Clancy said — he appears to have found mental peace and picked up the pieces of his boxing.

MOTOR RALLYING Wambergue goes clear Timbuktu, Mali (AFP) - Phi- for its last two truly testing

lippe Wambergue, the only one of Peugeot's four drivers without an outright stage win in this year's Paris-Dakar rally, put that

present thought of \$1 million plus, one could be forgiven for

the enduring Irish mannerism of not saying yes or no that was preventing Gerry Cooney from saying whether his return to the

ring after 2½ years was part of a

But filthy lucre notwithstand-

ing, there is a good reason for giving Cooney the benefit of the doubt and allowing him to say

that he is seeking answers by facing George Foreman here on

Monday night. "I'm going in there to knock him out and to see

if Gerry Cooney still has any-thing to contribute to this game," Cooney says.

Cooney has suffered from a

drink problem and had to seek the help of Alcoholics Anony-mous. Therefore, it would be unreasonable to rule out doubts in his mind about what he is

in his mind about what he is doing getting back into a game that drove him to drink and can reduce him further, in spite of all the wealth it can offer him.

troubled by the thought that if

dragged into a money-making but futile challenge for Mike Tyson's world heavyweight title. How could Cooney justify taking

on Tyson when the champion destroyed Michael Spinks in 90 seconds, and Spinks knocked out Cooney in five rounds?

From the way Cooney has been talking to the Press and television and in magazines,

money does not seem everything. Cooney felt in the Spinks contest

that he was "walking into a fog", and now 2½ years later he still

seems lost. He cannot see be-

ost seems that Cooney is

Driving a Peugeot 205, Wambergue overtook the 405 of his team-mate and race leader. Ari Vatanen, at the halfway mark on the thirteenth stage, the 412km from Gao, and finished 14 seconds clear of the Renault-powered Buggy of Hu-bert Auriol.

Gilles Picard, of France, won the motorbike section. Today the rally moves into Mauritania be diplomatic

STARCES. Care: Thirteenth stage: 1, P. Wambergue (Fr), Peugeot 205 T16, 56:14 ponsities; 2, H Auriol (Fr), Buggy at 14sec; 3, J. Iciox (Ben), Lada Poch, 44; 4, B. Waldegaurd (Bwe), Peugeot 405 T16, 51; 5, A Vatanen (Fn), Peugeot 405 T16, 438. Overall poetitions: 1, A Vatanen (Fn), Peugeot, 2: P. Wambergue (Fr), Peugeot, 1hr 19min 7sec behind: 3, B. Waldegaurd (Swe), Peugeot, 12:104; 4, A Ambrosino (Fr), Peugeot, 12:104; 4, A Ambrosino (Fr), Peugeot, 12:104; 5, A Comen (GB), Mitsubleth, 427:37, Molercyclett 1, G. Picard (Fr), Sonato Yamaha, 3,55:59; 2, A De Petri (II), Cagiva at 2:42; 3, G. Rahler (Be0, Stzulki, 5:36; 4, E Orioli (II), Cagiva, 6:15; 5, J Arcanons (Sp), Cagiva 6:26. Overallt, 1. E Orioli (II), Cagiva, 6:48:07; 2, C Messamora (Sp), Yamaha at 1:18:58; 3, F. Picco (III), Yamaha, 2:29:58; 4, G. Picard that his team, when playing at its best, is a threat to any opposition. The 4-2 success followed a 3-3 draw at Peterborough and Parker is that these were "genuine" results.

"I believe the Chinese were E Orioli (tt). Cagiva. 62.48:07; 2. C Mes Samora (Sp), Yamaha at 1:16:58; 3. F Picco (tt), Yamaha, 2:29:58; 4. G Picare (Fr), Sonauto Yamaha, 2:50:24; 5, 1 Magnaldi (Fr), Yamaha 2:50:26.

FOR THE RECORD

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FOOTBALL

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RONCIGETTI WOMEN'S CUP: Counter-Real Primizia Perma (87 RS. Speria Propus 65. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (REA): Los Arquies Clopers 115 Adenta Hawks 109; Boston Gelics 104, Detroit Pistons 97; Idiventore Bucks 116, Cleveland Cavaliers 100; Indiana Praces 120 Chicago Bush 113; Philadelphia 75ers 113, New York Knicks 111; Utph Jazz 130, Denver Nuggess 99; Golden State Warriors 123 Ostisc Mayericks 119; Los Angeles Lakers 121, Orlando Magic 108.

BOXING

ALBERT HALL, London: Protectivet bill: Heavyweight (5 mdg): Heavy Attowards (Lyuishem) br Jon Fairbalm (Newcassie), rsc rst. Whiteweight (10 mdg): Buck Smith (VS) bt Kintand Luing (Huctore), loo 7th; (6 mds): Gary Logan (Croydon) bt Julien Bevis (Yeovil), pss. Mikrileweight (10 mds): John Mugash (Uganta) bt Carlos Antures (Br), ko 1st. Light-middleweight (6 mds): Newto Brown (Burton) bt Coin Ford (Paddington), rained 3rd. Heavtharmeight (8 mds): mother Prig Buckley

ADÉLAIDE. Rio Chellenge exhibition tour-nement: T Muster (Austra) bt D Cahill (Aus), 6-4, 6-7, 6-2; H Laconte (Fr) bt J Couner (US), 7-6, 4-6, 6-4. MIDDLESSROUGH: LYA Mantonal Series: sten: Third section: First result: A Reed bt A Karshaw, 3-6, 6-1, 6-1; I Hudon bt J Vales 6-4, 6-3; R Willord bt I Willenson, 6-1, 7-6.

RUGBY LINION CLUB MATCHER: Extra Vale 12, Newport 14: Clamorgen: Wenderers 6, Bridgend 25; Newpridge 21, Abercarn 3, BANK OF SCOTLAND SCOTTREM SCHOOLS CUP: First round: Gabashiels Academy 49,

RUGBY LEAGUE BRETISH COAL LEAGUE: Castetoro 42, Warrington 8; St Helens 18, Featherstone 23.

SQUASH RACKETS LEEDS: Rocal-Rothwell trefleton Champ-lonship: Georier-Roshe, J. Libry b; A. Ports, S.-4, 9-3, 9-3; R. Bines b; S. Homes, Z-8, 9-0, 9-3, 6-2; Z. Salish Hr. Shaeks, 9-10, 9-4, 5-8, 9-2, 9-3; C. Willstrop b; J. Hangon, 9-4, 9-4, 9-3,

TABLE TENNIS

DLINGTON: International exetch: Englan A. China 2 (England tenttle first): D Douglas bi Yu Shertong, 23-25, 21-18, 21-9; C Premi bir to Wei Cing Quang, 27-23, 21-14, 11-21; A Gooke lost to Chen Longsan, 19-21, 17-21; Douglas th Wei, 17-21, 21-18, 21-13, Cooke bt Yu, 21-13, 21-15; Prembt Chen, 21-18, 21-19. GOLF

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Other soones: 70: Fl Rafferty (M Ire), B Langer
(WG), 71: R Floyd (US).

many people, so I went out and disappointed myself for over a cannot take care of anyone unless you can take care of As Cooney talks he stares into

was too busy trying to take care

of all the people around me and that distracted me. That's what

happened after the Holmes fight. I felt I disappointed too

more. I love people very much but I am doing this for myself." his lap and with sudden move-ments, like jabs, looks at you with wide hollow eyes and This is clearly a reference to the days his father wielded too makes mildly aggressive re-marks and then quickly tries to expunge them with a smile. forceful an influence over him. "I came from a dysfuncti family. A family system that did not attend to my needs" Cooney One wonders where such a big

He blamed the defeat by taking care of myself because I

man about to embark on the destruction of another big man, a "My father was abusive. A real tough egg. I don't mean sexually or anything like that. But he 42-year-old opponent, should leave one with a feeling of concern. He is incky to have in Clancy, a caring friend and trainer who will not shrink from telling him the truth about his would put you down to make you fight back to survive. He more or less forced me into boxing . . . He always focused on the negative. He would berate me, tell luture after his performance against Foreman. me I was never good enough . . . I just wish he would have told me After the complexities of men

tal conflict the actual business of thumping each other comes almost as a relief. On Thursday, tal conflict the actual bas about my strength, too. It hurts your confidence not to know

Cooney boxed three lively rounds with Wesley Watson.
Watson was impressed, for in November in Cooney's camp in the Pocones, Watson had given took me until 33 to find them, but I know it'll make me a better It was the defeat by Holmes according to Clancy, that sent Cooney into the depths of de-Cooney six rounds of actual spair and into a drink problem.
"Hanging out in bars does nothing for you but gives you a headache," Cooney said. boxing with regulation gloves and a referee.

Cooney edged out Watson, according to Claucy, and Wat-"I had a drink problem. But son reported that Cooney's sparthat's all over with . . . I wasn't ring showed great improvement. "I had a drink problem. But

Laing caught napping

Kirkland Laing seems con- was being lined up to challenge demned to be one of the best Simon Brown for the IBF boxers never to contest a world title after Wednesday's defeat by weltwerweight crown, had dominated the first six rounds the little-known American, Buck Smith, at the Albert Hall. but was then sent crashing by a left hook and follow-up right — Smith again exposed the faral flaw in Laing's make-up — lack of concentration. Laing, who the same sort of thing that happened in his two bouts with Colin Jones.

TABLE TENNIS Defeat did not appear to

By Richard Eaton Donald Parker, the England captain, is convinced that Wednesday's win over China at Bridlington was further proof

competing full out and I don't believe any player wants to lose three times in a row, like Chen Long Can has to Carl Prean," he

There have been frequent allegations that Chinese sides sometimes create close matches, or even allow other countries occasional wins, with the intention of trying to foster good

relations.

Whatever the truth of the matter this time - and there have been one or two quirky results - there is no doubt that

Wednesday night's deciding contest was for real. Prean came through 21-18, 21-19 against Long Can, regarded as China's leading player at the moment. The Isle of

Wight player first beat him in the English Open at Manchester last Friday and saved three match points before overcoming him 25-23 in the third and final game at Peterborough. He appears to be establishing a psychological advantage. Prean is also building up nicely for his assault on the European Top 12 tournament in Hanover from January 19 to 21.

Alan Cooke, the national champion, is also playing better. as is suggested by his surpris-ingly one-sided 21-13, 21-15 win over the English open champion

However, the hero of what However, the nero of what was only the third victory England have achieved against China was Desmond Douglas, who, at the age of 34, overcame both Yu and Wei Qing-gnang,

RUGBY UNION

Coaches begin to place importance on mental agility

If, in the new climate of rugby preparation, the onus has been put squarely on the player, it is now valid to ask whether coaches are as well equipped for their tasks as they should be.

It would appear that a nat-ional rugby squad of players, while apparently in need of a mid-winter break, is also in need nowadays of a strong supporting cast of fellow conspirators in the careful plotting of the championship trail. Among the respec-tive casts there are already ruba-dub men, physiotherapists, doctors, fitness advisers, nu-tritional experts, coaches and managers. On the English bandwagon a psychologist has been brought on board as well.

There are some of us who like to think we are receptive, in the modern fashion, to new ideas: after all, none of us likes, in the fullness of time, to be proved wrong. And with the English team getting a haunted look every time the name of the tioned, there is some sympathy for the idea in certain quarters. Although Alex Wyllie, of New Zealand, the coach of the most successful side in the game's history, would no doubt restrict his comments to a few choice

Yet I cannot help but believe that a psychologist, if he is thought necessary, is being brought in several stages too late n a player's sporting life. Talent for the game is necessary. Hard dependent on the other.
Yet, if the coach finds the

physical attributes have fallen in to place, the ingredient that mental toughness that must go with them. Physical skills are so obviously necessary in such a game that, less apparent, are the psychological skills which need to go with them. Matters of confidence, concentration, motivation, coping with stress and overcoming frustration are factors in a player's make up. Yet psychology remains on the periphery, if accepted at all, in any rugby coaching course.

Rugby coaching courses re-main incomplete. Years ago, for instance, fitness was not dealt with as a specific topic on the Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) course. This, it was felt, was somebody else's responsibility. Coaches returned to their clubs knowing a good deal about the game's techniques and skills but very little about the factor which

miss with

By Gordon Allan

St Bartholomew's... King's College

St Bartholomew's progressed to the second round of the Hospitals Cup with this victory over King's College by a goal and a penalty goal to a goal at Chisienurst yesterday. Yet King's almost brought off

a winning recovery in injury time, which ran to six minutes. Trailing by nine points and apparently done for, they suddenly broke through in the centre from their own half and forwards and backs handled, in the only sustained movement of the match, before Tinsley scored between the posts, Sproat

converting.

They had a couple of fleeting chances after that but passes went to ground — the pattern of a ragged match — and St Bartholomew's survived.

King's had a big territorial advantage in the first half, forcing a series of five metre scrums, but made nothing of it. St Bartholomew's began with Goodwyn, their stand-off half, missing three penalties, one easy, in the opening five ninutes. He injured an arm midway

pass at a scrim in the king s 22
and stepping out of a half-tackle
to cross near the posts for
Critchlow to convert.
Critchlow continued to con-

trol play in the second half, distributing and kicking coolly. There was nobody of com-parable skill on the King's side. St Bartholomew's now play the London on the same ground on January 25.

SCORERS: St Bartholomour's: Try: Evans. Conversion: Critchlow. Penalty: Critchlow. King's College: Try: Tinsley. Conversion: Sproat. Conversion: Spront. ST BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL: M ST BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL: M
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KING'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL: D Cowhig:
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A Woods,

Referee: J Bennett (London):

Phil May, the Lianelli second game with the New Zealand All row, has been suspended for six Blacks. Closed-circuit television weeks by the Welsh Rugby will also identify possible prob-Union after being sent off lem areas and barriers will against London Welsh on Box-eventually be placed on the ing Day (Owen Jenkins writes). May was dismissed by John Groves, the referee, during the second half for butting the London Welsh flanker, Tony Penwill, and will miss Llanelli's match at Neath tomorrow and the Cup match at Cardiff at the

end of the mouth. Special crowd control mea-sures will be in force at Cardiff Arms Park on January 20 for Davies

restructuring our coaching course," Malcolm Lewis, assis-

tant coaching organizer to the WRU, said. For the first time we intend to include manmanagement as an overall title of one of the course sections. "There is a process of edu-cation that coaches and players need to undergo, to understand about decision-making, leader-ship and the psychology of the sportsman, and for the player to

in a way that in an individual sport, like golf, he cannot. "There is a responsibility, at any given moment, for him to analyse what's going wrong and to be able to correct it himself. There is an equal responsibility for the coach to fully understand what makes a sportsman tick.

act as an individual. So often a

player can hide in a team game

both on and off the field." Not so long ago, the Wales team was made up of many teachers, all of whom would have gone through teacher training, perhaps in physical edu-cation. There would have been some grounding in psychology which could well have prepared them for their sport or their classroom. Teach the individrecurrent theme. I believe

"We are doing this kind of thing with our younger age groups from 14 years of age upwards to 19," Lewis said. "We split them up into groups attached to them so that a good understanding is developed between them.
"We also encourage them to

take up an individual's sport, like golf or squash, so they begin to cope with a different kind of concentration and mental pres-sure of a type which they cannot

There is a widespread belief that the pressure is greater these days. It cannot be. The pressure on any British player in an Auckland dressing-room is the same today as it was an age ago. The pressure is to win or to do well. It is as stark as that for any sportsman who cares. The role of the coach is to prepare the player, psychologically as well as physically, for that

King's just Runaway **success** late revival for Brecon

Schools rugby by Michael Stevenson

Christ College Brecon com-Netherlands over the Christmas break, winning all three of their matches and finishing with victory over the under-19 nationa

Little rugby is played in Dutch schools and Brecon's opposition in all three match was made up of under-19 club players. They beat South of Holland District B, 24-6, West of Holland, 22-0 and the national side, 36-6, with tries from Roderick (3), Smith (2), Lewis, Harvey and Digby in the final

Downside also won all three matches on a pre-Christmas tour to Hong Kong. They beat the Hong Kong International School, 46-6, Hong Kong B XV. 13-0, and Hong Kong Under-19 Select, 36-6. Downside lost their first two matches of the season, to Llandovery and Cheltenham but have since had an excellent season. They did not lose again and have finished with the enviable record of 13 wips and a draw from 16 matches. In scoring 328 points, they conceded just 96.

Rugby is prospering at Old Swinford Hospital School, where a full programme, includthrough the half and was replaced by Critchlow, who immediately kicked a penalty for a ruck offence after King's had failed to clear the ball in front of their posts.

Just before half-time Stream's year to date was reaching the final of Walsall to the later than the later th Bartholomew's scored their try, tournament, in which they lost a good one, with Evans, the full back, bursting onto Critchlow's pass at a scrum in the King's 22 impressive record with 15 wins

King's School Ely managed to break even last term with six victories and six defeats, scoring 204 points to 140 conceded. Several of the defeats were by a narrow margin, the record representing the school's best results for at least 10 years.

Wellington College (Berk-shire), having faltered once early in the season, won 11 out of their 12 matches. They scored 182 points and conceded only 63, and remarkably their line was crossed only seven times. Trare have enjoyed an excellent season. They beat Peawith Sixth Form College, 20-14, in the final of the Cornish

Under-18 Cup and finished the season with 12 victories from 16 games, with two defeats and two

Six-week ban for May

eventually be placed on the terracing.

WALES TEAM: P Thorburn (Nextit): M Titley (Swaneset, M Ring (Cardin), M Hall (Bridgend), A Enery (Swaneset, D Teams (Cardin), R Jones (Swaneset, Cardin), D Young (Cardin), K Philips (Nextit), D Young (Cardin), K Philips (Nextit), D Young (Cardin), M Jones (Nextit), Replacements: C Davies (Lareil), A Alian (Newtridge), K Moseley (Pontypool), G Jones (Lareil), M Jones (Nextit), Replacements: C Davies (Lareil), A Clement (Swanese), A Booth (Cartin), G Jones (Pontypool), M Pursyo (Laneil). H Williams-Jones (South Wales Police).

Northampton, the second dis-Northampton, the second di-

vision leaders, have the England student caps, Tim Rodber and Ian Hunter, back for tomorrow's Courage Clubs Champ-ionship match at Blackheath.

istic welcome 's straggles Walker International Pro-Am, John Glover, said: "The prize secretary, John Glover, said: "The prize is an all-expenses and consequently golf skill is an all-expenses." ny Pickthall Arckisad paid week for three amateur element in being allowed to compensions and their pro- enter the raffle." Tessional, worth about £10,000. The Mazda Charity Classic.

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anad, ranging from Ben Sav-ac, of Timperley, aged 17, to Danny Roden, of Mellor, the anacker who has seen three of Mellor, the who has seen three wind championships.

Mellor, the North of England Spacichampions, are supplying Shaim Moran, Rob Boulton, distair Hodgson and Danny Roden while Stockport, the Spac runners up, have Sean M

Billy is making up for

From David Powell
Athletics Correspondent

Sydney
"And the winner of the gold medal is William Ikem." The stadium applanded and Britain's discovery of a potential succes-sor to Sebastian Coe enjoyed his

moment of glory.

He would have enjoyed it more had be been introduced by his correct name: seven years after his European junior 800 metres triumph, Ikem Billy is still struggling to establish his

identity.

He never caught up with Coe, but has one last chance to honour, if not justify, the plandits of 1983. In just over a fortnight's time Billy lines up for his debut in a senior international championship, while Coe prepares to take his bow. The Commenwealth Games in Anchland bring together Billy and Coe as England colleagues. At last there are signs that the

At last there are signs that the Billy of 1983, when he was the world's top-ranked junior, and 1984, when he won the Bislett es in Oslo and consistently An injury which he attributes

o his attempt to profit from his 'next Coe" reputation expunged three years of a promising career. "In 1984 I ran 46 races when in normal circum would have run 10," Billy, looking relaxed at the England training camp in Narrabeen, just outside Manly, said yesterday.

"That's what messed up my ankle — a disease in the bone

from ever-usage. Money, TV, you name it, I was influenced by it. I was 19 and it was good fun to race everywhere, but it was a big mistake. It set me back three years and, though I ran in 1988, it was a waste of time because I

esn't fit. "1989 was the first year I enjoyed for five years and every-thing has picked up in the last few weeks. Coe is the best athlete we have ever had in



Billy: promising a surprise

from me. The way I'm running at the moment I'm going to surprise a few people and I

of Scotland, and the not insignificant matter of three Kenyans. "We are looking at golds in every event from 400 metres up and one-two-three in the 800 metres," the leading coach to the Kenyan team said in a television

cumentary recently.
"I can't see that with the likes of Coe, McKean and myself around," Billy said. "A lot has been said about the Kenyans but I see the biggest threat to me as being Coe and McKean."

If Billy sounds arrogant, suggesting that Coe and McKean are a threat to him

rather than he to them, with a best time of 1min 44.65sec he perhaps has a right to suggest that victory is within him.

His problem, he says, is oncentration, "My weakness is that I don't pay attention. I always, always stay off the pace but I'm one of the fastest

finishers.
"When McKenn beat Ereng the Olympic champion at Crystal Palace my last lap was just as fast as his but I was off the pace and wasn't prepared for them to go. At the Commonwealth Games I will just go with it and stay them."

it and stay there."
Billy's World Student Games siny's worm Student Games silver medal and his victory in the AAA championship last year were testimony to his return to the fringes of world class.

The 1990 model, at the age of 26 this month, is the same determined version it was in 1983. Only the name has 1983. Only the name has

Auckland meeting will be prelude to lost time a drug-testing pact

By John Goodbody

New Zealand and Australia have confirmed that they are joining forces to fight drug abuse in sport in the first step towards a Commonwealth wide pact.

A meeting of Commonwealth sports ministers, in Auckland in February after the Games, will consider a three-pronged proposal drawn up by New Zealand, Australian, Canadian and British sports and medical administrators last year.

However, New Zealand and Australian officials have reiterated that they are keen to set up their own agreement as soon as possible.

Matt Marshall, director of the New Zealand Olympic and Commonwealth Games Association's medical commission, said that nothing would be agreed "there and then" at the February meeting. "There was a suggestion of a quadrilateral arrangement and it will probably eventually come off. But, in my view, it would be more sensible initially for New Zealand to enter into a bilateral agreement with our nearest neighbours, Aus-

The drug-testing programme's three points are education, out-of-competition testing, and legislation. Under the draft agreement among the powers to force individuals to four nations, all athletes in be interviewed or face pen-

be the biggest national contin-gent racing for the 11 gold

medals available on the road and track in Auckland, cannot,

unfortunately, depend on numerical strength alone for

Competition will be fiercest

for the eight track titles on the

new £500,000 Manukau cement

bowl where Australia - who

swept the board in Edinburgh

four years ago — could be almost as successful again.

Since then, a men's 50-kilometre points race has been

added to the track programme

and, at ione last, almost 32 years after gaining world champ-

ionship status, women have finally been admitted to the

Games and will contest a sprint

Neither Gary Niewand nor

Martin Vinnicombe, the 1986

metres sprint and the 1,000 metres time trial respectively, sought a professional career and

sought a professional career and both will defend their titles,

ionship, an event for which no

British rider was entered because it was decided there

If one of the four home countries is to take medals in the

sprint or the time trial it seems most likely to be Scotland, with

Eddie Alexander and Stewart Brydon, or Wales with Stuart

Paulding, the British time trial

suit on paper at least, appears likely to end in an Australia-

England final, although New Zealand last month produced a

surprise result at the Oceanic Games by beating Australia in a

fast time of 4min 28.261sec. Chris Boardman, the British

The 4,000 metres team pur-

champion.

were no prospects of a medal.

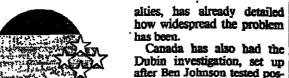
Vinnicombe, powerfully built, finished second in last year's world kilometre champ-

and individual pursuit.

probably successfully.

Australians likely

to dominate again



Olympic sports would have to consent to testing outside competitions or face a ban.

New Zealand officials could ask their counterparts in Australia to test New Zealand competitors training across there. At present, competitors can escape local testing by going abroad. The agreement could also allow New Zealand to seek tests on specific Australian competitors — and vice versa - if there was any suspicion they were using banned substances.

Asked when the New Zealand-Australia agreement could be signed, Marshall said: "The Australians are very keen and we are very keen, and hopefully it will be a few months after the Games.

The climate is particularly action to be taken. Australia has recently become concerned about the problems of drug-taking following a Government inquiry into the subject. A 520-page interim report of a commission chaired by Senator John Black, who had

begin in Auckland, New Zealand, on January 24. The

Times is previewing each of the 10 medal sports. Today: PETER BRYAN on cycling

man, but the way the programme has been arranged may

make it impossible for him to

accommodate the solo pursuit as well. The probability is that

Roardman will lead England

again in the 100-kilometre road

team time trial, the opening

event on January 25, which England won in 1986.

Although the organizers are to be commended for endeavour-

ing to keep abreast of develop-

ments in world cycling by including the 50-kilometre in-

dividual points race, the event is

not a worthy successor to the

In the points event, the first

three riders across the line after

every fifth lap score. The fact

three riders makes nonsense of its "individual" tag and collu-

sion among riders and, some-

times, nations makes the race a

mockery of the Friendly Games.

To call it a team race would be more honest with medals going

to the country amassing the highest points tally.

Wales, without a gold medal in post-war Games, has three

women in a team of eight -Louise Jones, the triple British

track champion, Sally McKenzie-Hodge, winner of the pursuit title for the last three years and Clare Greenwood, a

strong road rider. All of them

could win medals of some sort.

On the road, if winter train

has paid off, an English rider will be expected to repeat Paul

Curran's success four years ago.

The names of Ben Luckwell and

Wayne Randle should certainly

that each country can put up

the next two months. In Britain, the Government is expected to announce this month that it will be the first country in the Commonwealth to make the possession

Canada has also had the

itive at the Seoul Olympics. Its

recommendations to the Ca-

nadian Government are ex-

pected to be published within

of anabolic steroids, the muscle-building drug, a criminal offence unless the individual has a valid medical prescription. Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, who is scheduled to attend the meeting in Auckland, is well known for his opposition to drugtaking in sport, while this week the Sports Council announced it was setting up its own investigation into drugtaking in weightlifting.

In principle, any agreement could develop into a pact for the whole Commonwealth But Marshall said this could present problems, as many countries had different penalties and many did not have caught using certain drugs.

Several countries, including the Soviet Union and the United States, have agreed to set up bilateral agreements on

Appeal for team nets £500,000

By John Goodbody

The final fund-raising event to send the England team to the Commonwealth Games in New Zealand takes place in London right, with the appeal assured

Rocco Forte, who has led the fund-raising efforts for the fifth successive Games, the appeal has raised £100,000 more than for the 1986 Games in Edinburgh. The money goes towards the costs of travel, equipment and maintenance of the team, which consists of 265 competitors and 75 officials. George Nicholson, the ap-

peals officer of the Con wealth Games Council for England, said that fund raising had gone "exceptionally well", despite the fact that it was always more difficult in England than for Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. "The nationalism of the English is less overt," he said.

Tonight, there will be a gala premiere of the film Parenthood. which is expected to lift the amount raised through Trusthouse Forte to more than £150,000. This has included 21 dinners featuring personalities like Lerd Whitelaw, Harry Carpenter, Kenny Dalglish and Cliff Morgan, and boxing events organized by Jarvis Astaire and Bill Robinson.

The appeal to industry, led by Peter Stormouth Darling, the chairman of Mercury Asset Management, and Chris Chataway, who won the three miles at the 1954 Games in Vancouver, raised more than £200,000. A promotion involving sponsored events in schools, supported by Olympus sports, raised another £100,000.

Nicholson said that any surplus money would go towards the 1994 Games in Canada.

individual champion, will be the England pursuit team's anchor-Morgan's prospect of Games gold

SNOW REPORTS

Robert Morgan, of Wales, is tipped for gold at the Common-wealth Champion, to take the 10-metre platform title with 665.35 points. The performance rates alongside the dive of the Seoul Olympic gold medal winner, Greg Louganis, of the United States.

Kim White, the Great Britain diving coach, said: "Bob's dive writes).

Morgan beat Greg Rogerson,
of Australia, the reigning diving coach, said: "Bob's dive

goods so close to the Games will give him a real boost and he has to be favourite for gold at the platform event." Morgan will be joined by Olivia Clark and Peter Squires, his coach, for Wales, in New Zealand

for his geniality, lulled England into a false sense of security at

the NEC Grand Prix women's

international tournament at the

He permitted his players -

some of the greatest talents in the world — to work out with

England's young squad in the build-up to yesterday's match.

The iron fist in the velvet

glove was then applied as he

G-Mex Centre, Manchester.

VOLLEYBALL

Karpol's kindness has

England caught cold

Nikolai Karpol, the Soviet from the European champion Union coach, who is not noted ships, Irina Parchomchuk an

SKIING

Winning style: Frank Piccard on his way to World Cup downhill success in Schladming

Man-made surface brings out the best in Piccard

the greatest win of his career. It was his first World Cup down-hill victory and the first downhill win by a Frenchman since Henri Duvillard in 1970.

Piccard rates this as his greatest skiing achievement, overriding his third place in the downhill at the Calgary Olym-pics and his Olympic gold medal in the super-giant slalom. "This is my day, I feel Γm up there with the world's great skiers. It's a very special feeling." Christian Ghedina, of Italy,

followed on from his third place in Val Gardena with a second place. Ghedina was unknown until this season and is a surprise inclusion on the winners rostrum. The young Italian replaced the injured Michael Mair as Italy's No. I downhill racer and is confident of further uccess. With Piantanida and Mair out for the season through injury. Ghedina is Italy's only

downhill hope. The man-made snow conditions created some upset placings in the leading 15. Six racers started outside the top 15 with the most notable being

On a perfectly prepared piste, covered entirely in man-made shied into the record books with the greatest win of his career. It Tuesday and Wednesday, Zur-briggen failed to repeat his 1988

A near disastrous mistake at the entrance to the tree line lost Zurbriggen the race. Attle Skaardal, of Norway, who was the pre-race favourite, fell only two gates from the finish. The Austrian, Michael Haas, avoided serious injury after crashing in the same position but was taken to hospital for observation. The British team was dis-

appointing on a course that should have suited its style. Graham Bell was the bestplaced Briton, finishing 37th from a starting position of 28, 3.06sec off the lead. Ronald Duncan, finished in 46th pos-ition and Martin Bell finished

20136; d. S. Krauss (WG), 20232; 7. P Zurbriggen (Switz), 20236; 8. P. Rzehek (Austral), 20221; 9, M. Wasmeier (WG), 20227; 10, H. Tauscher (WG), 20252; equal 11, M. Summermatter (Switz) and W. Besse (Switz), 20258; 13, B. Huber (Austria), 20263; 14, P. Runggaldier (tt),

• Despite the serious lack of snow, the English and Welsh proved to be an enormous success again this year. Anna Lees-Jones, from Cambridge, Vanessa Harrison and Lena Jones, from Bath, have produced the best results, while in Burnett is showing his

STUDENT SPORT

Bedford are latest recruits

arranged, including Cambridge

The rise of student rugby league continues on Sunday when Bedford College of Higher Education play their first team fixture — at Lough A team University, against an A team

Bedford have become the fourth team this season to join the ranks of the Student Rugby League (SRL), following Exeter University, York University and Manchester Polytechnic. Of the team lining up on Sunday, one, Martin Woodward, the captain and founder, has played at representative level — for British Colleges — and most of the rest have been co-opted from the rugby union

None the less, the encourage-ment that such a small establishment received from the SRL overcame any difficulties. Last month, the SRL sent Mike Pennistone, coach to the Great Britain student side, to

ships, Irina Parchomchuk and

Valentina Ogienko, the Soviets

slowed down in the next two sets

but still ended up convincing 15-0. 15-5. 15-4 victors.

What England have gained from this week's experiences is hard to measure. They have

been pitched in against the

world's best players and Paul

Westhead, the coach, refuses to believe they will be mentally

"Psychologically some of the

scarred by the proceedings.

University and Loughborough; and the SRL, with the smaller institutes in mind, has estabferences, each comprising four or five establishments. Bedford will join the Midland Conference. Chris Caw, one of the players, said: "Sunday will be a trial: there will be 11 players out there

who have never played an organized game of rugby league in their life. But hopefully, we can set up a team to keep going over the next few years." The SRL is gathering strength in its twentieth year, there are 29 sides, from all sectors of higher

education and from all over England and Wales, in its merit table, and several more, like Bedford, aspiring to join.
The Student World Cup, held

last summer in the north of England, enhanced the popularconduct a training session; this

In a fortnight, the repreterm, the side has eight fixtures
sentative season begins, when a

Cup skippers

rally to

New Zealand

Auckland - Two days before the

San Diego Yacht Club must file

a defence in the final appeal against forfeiture of the Ameri-

ca's Cup, nine more influential Cup names, including Alan

Bond and Ted Turner, have added their weight to an in-

dependent petition to the New York court of appeals, calling for the Cup to be given to New

Zealand (Barry Pickthall

writes).
Among the nine are Jock

Sturrock, Gordon Ingate and

Noel Robins, who skippered Australian challengers in 1962, 1967 and 1977. Emil "Bus"

Mosbacher and Turner, between them, successfully defended the

They join 11 earlier signatories in condemning San Diego's catamaran defence against New Zealand's monohull during the 1988 event. All contend that San

Diego's tactics were both

unsportsmanlike and against the spirit of the Deed of Gift.

The court is expected to decide the case in March, allow-

ing for the next Cup series to be held either off San Diego or Auckland in 1992. Yesterday

Michael Fay, who underwrote the last two New Zealand chal-lenges, confirmed that win or

lose in court he would be competing in the next event.

Cup during the same period.

first-year student side.

The Universities Athletic Union has named a squad of 32 for its representative fixtures this season. The players will be divided into a first team, due to meet a Hockey Association side traditionally comprising of England under-21 players — on February 21, the Midland President's XI, a week later, and the Royal Navy in the following month, and the seconds, who play Welsh Universities.

combined Oxford and Cam-

bridge side plays a Great Britain

play Weish Universities.

COMMERCIAL UNION UAU SQUAD: R
Aspinell (Manchester), J Bales, N Bates
(buth Durham), S Blan (Bristof), G Brown
(Durham), A Colchough (Surrey), M Constable (Birmingham), D Crose (Esetar), A Carrutherz (Reading), J Desighty
(Leicester), S Elle, J Fox (both
Birmingham), S Francis (Exeter), P
Horseline (Bristof), D Henley-Rog, A
Holden (both Birmingham), D Kerry, M
Langelon, B Lastie, J Lee (all
Loughborough), A Litchfield
(Birmingham), D Mackney, R
Maddeley, K O'Ffyri (all Loughborugh), M
Porter (Bath), A Sheridam (Southampson),
D Stoleas (Leads), D Taylor (Leoster), A
Waldock (Bristof), M Welby, M Zander
(both Loughborough).

TENNIS .

Women's top seeds fall by the wayside

From Barry Wood

Ivan Lendi and Boris Becker, the top seeds, reached the quarter-finals of the New South Wales Open yesterday withour dropping a set, while their counterparts in the women's competition were both knockell

Helena Sukova lost 6-1, 1-6, 6-3 to her Czechoslovak compa-triot, Radka Zrubakova, and Jana Novotna, also from Czechoslovakia, was defeated 6-3, 6-4 by Amy Frazier, of the United States. Zrubekova, a member of the

Czechoslovakia's victorious Federation Cup team in 1988 has made little headway since then. But, having struggled through a third set tie-break egainst Ann Henricksson the against Ann Francesson inc previous day, she felt relaxed yesterday going into her match against Sukova.

"I had nothing to lose," she

said. "I was able to play well and made some good passing st and lobs while she missed so

Novotna, taking time to adjust to her new coach, Mike Estep, was disappointing and never looked like beating her 17car-old opponent. Having gone through the

motions on the previous day, both Lendl and Becker provided better entertainment yesterday. Lendl reached his tenth consec-Lendl reached his tenth consecutive quarter-final — the last time he failed was against ... Michael Chang in Panis last summer — by heating Gozan Ivanisevic, of Yugoslavia, 6-4, 6-2. Becker, in spite of a lapse of concentration early in the second set, overcame Wally Master, of Australia, 6-3, 6-3. Meanwhile, British entrants in the qualifying rounds of the

in the qualifying rounds of the Australian Open have faced well so far. Only one set has been dropped in five mee's manches, that by Chris Bailey in beating Roger Rasheed, of Australia, 6-1, 5-7, 6-4. There were also 1, 3-1, 0-6, 1 Incite well? 4880 victories for Nick Brown, Mark Petchey, James Tusner and Andrew Castle.

HEBULTS: Most Singles: Second round: Y Nosh (F) bt A Charleston (USSR), 8-1, 8-4; B Barfort (MSSR), 8-1, 8-4; B Barfort (MSSR) with Manus: /Aum 8-2

4: B Secker (NG) bt W Masur (Aus), 8-3; A Kriciasteln (US) bt P Amesone (US) 8.7-8; I Lend (Aus) for G Amesone (US) 4.6-2. Women: Shaden The Section (C) 100 (NG) 100 U.S. Zerewa (USSN) 501 December 6-1, 6-1, J Helland (Pr) bt P Langton 6-2, 0-8, 6-4; J Wegner (Aust) to J Wigger (Aust) 16-4; J Wegner (Aust) 7-6, 6-3; B (Aust) 16 N Pronte (Past) 7-6, Znabakova (Cz) 6t H-Sukova (Cz), 6

• SYDNEY: Organizers of the Australian Open next week have no plans to increase security despite reports of planned antiapartheid demonstrations against South African players (Reuter reports). Geoff Polland, president of Tennis Australia, said he was

not aware of any serious threat to the safety of the public or players in Melbourne where the tournament will be held. There's no reason to expect anything that hasn't hap in previous years," he said. "We always have good security so all

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Ouick revenge for Chesnokov over Reneberg

Auckland (Reuter) — Andrei Chesnokov, of the Soviet Union, the No. 1 seed, beat Union, the No. 1 seed, beat Richey Reneberg, of the United States, in the second round of the New Zealand Open tournament yesterday. It was a reversal of last week's win by Reneberg over the world No. 18 at the Wellington Open. Chesnokov tried out a new

racket with a shorter grip min-utes before the match and his decision to use it paid off as he won 6-4, 6-4. Jimmy Arias, of the United States, recovered from a slow start to beat Glenn Layendecker 2-6, 6-2, 6-2 and advance to the

2-6, 6-2, 6-2 and advance to the quarter-finals.

Steven Guy, the New Zealand veteran, aged 30, gave away 10 years to his compatriot, Brett Steven, but still won 6-3, 6-7 (4-7), 6-4. Guy had to work hard for his win against Steven, who has been mostly out of action over the last two years because of an elbow inverv. of an elbow injury.

RESULTS: Second round: G Connet (Carl) bt M Stich (WG), 6-4, 6-7, 6-2; S Guy (N2) bt B Shaven (N2), 6-3, 6-7, 6-4; A Cheenokov (USSR) bt H Reneberg (US), 6-4, 6-4; J Aries (US) bt G Layendecher (US), 2-6, 6-2, 6-2

YACHTING

Enthusiastic welcome for fleet's stragglers From Barry Pickthall, Auckland

La Poste, the Whitbread Round the World Race entry which is

promoting the French postal service, finally arrived in Auckland yesterday to take 23rd and last place on the third stage of the race from Fremantle.

After almost 19 days and 3,400 miles, 6,000 streamer. throwing well-wishers welcomed the eight postal workers.
"We have been three days longer than anticipated because we got caught in an anticyclone near North Cape," Daniel Maile, the skipper, said. At one point the yacht covered only 80 miles in three days, he said. The fleet leaves on February 4, heading around Cape Horn to Punta del Este, Uruguay.

THIRD LEG REBULTIE Mant division: 1, Seinlager 2 (P Blates, NZ), 120aya 17hr 33min: 2, Fisher & Payled (G Dalbon, NZ), 12.17.35; 3, Merit (P Fethimann, Switz), 12.18.44; 4, Restimans (L Smith, GB), 12.18.54; 5, The Card (R Mison, Swe), 12.20.45; 8, Fortune (J Santana, Sp), 12.21.22; 7, Martele OF (M Wilkert, Fri),

Willy Wonka, scored their second consecutive win in yes-terday's third race to take a long points lead in the Flying 15 world championship on Water-loo Bay (Bob Ross writes). The

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122243: 8, Satquote British Defender (Li-Cdr C Wetkins, GB), 122329: 9, Charles Jourdan (A Gabbey, Fr), 13402-53: 16, Fazisi (S Novak, USSR), 13404-60; 11, Gatbrade (G Faick, it), 15405-11: 12, MCB Ireland (J English, 180), 13745-50; 13, Belmont Friend (J Hardmon, Fri.), 1314-22; 14, Liverpool Enterprise (B Setmon, GB), 14714-17; 15, UBF Finland (J Ingval, Fri.), 14-20-40, Overall after these legs: 1, Setsinger 2, 65:19-56; 2, Mert., 66:10-13; 3, Fisher & Payled, 87-96-56; 4, Foltmans, 67-93-31; 5; The Card., 66:10-13; 3, Fisher & Payled, 87-96-56; 4, Foltmans, 67-93-31; 5; The Card., 69:10-23; 8, Marthalo OF, 69:14-08; 7 (Caurte G), 14:10-59-10-10, 10:10-10,

Willy Wonka again Brisbane - Alan Bax and Alan first three home were British.

RESULTS: Third race: 1: Willy Works (A Bar, UK); 2: City Lights (R Samond, UK); 3. Dusty (A Bron, UK); 5: Caneing Sunt (B Thompson, Aus); 5: Caneing Sunt (B Cleaver, UK); 6: Sopry Sox (C Vizz, Aus); 7. Nitry (I Morrley, N.Z); Politic etanclings: 1. Willy (I Morrley, N.Z); Politic etanclings: 1. Caneing Sunt, 39. Craddock, N.Z), 24.7; 3. Curating Start, 39.

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Glencoe: Snow level, none; wortical runs, none. Pures: upper, not enough snow for sliding; lower; no snow; scoses. roats open; all chairfits and tows closed. Forecast for the Scottish sid resorts for Hidsy: Glencoe and Acettch Mer will have some bright periods, although frequent heavy showers of rain or sleet will be prevalent. Any snow will be confined to the areas above 2,500t. Cloud will be broken at 3,000t; but overcast down to 1,500t in showers. Hill tog will also cover some areas. Calimpana. Glenches and Letter should these a tractice.

dissubse and Lacks should have a bright but cold day with surny intervals and a few sleet of rain showers. Snow falls can be expected on the highest parts. Winds will be southwest to west, strong or gale force, with the freezing level around 3,000tt.

Outlook for Saturday and Sunday: Bright with surely intervals on Saturday, with only a low showers in the west. Cloudy on Sunday with occasional rain, and increasing southerly winds. Bright, showery weather extending from the west with show on higher ground.

produced his strongest six in the oldest players were concerned first set. Not surprisingly, Engabout how the young players would react this week, but we've land could not cope in such illustrious company and it took just six minutes for the Soviet taken something out of it," he Union to polish off the set 15-0. mon to poish off the set 15-0.

Replacing his two mainstays

RESULT: England 0, Soviet Union 3 (0-15, 5-15, 4-15).

Davies loses top place The Australian professional, Lachlan Deuchar, is top of the world rankings for the first time teurs in the top 15. Julian Snow, thanks to his fine victories in the British and French open championships in December (Sally Jones writes).

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out of several important tournaments. There are three ama-James Male, the world rackets

His compatriot, Wayne Davies, the world champion, is relegated to No. 2, a recurring knee injury having forced him